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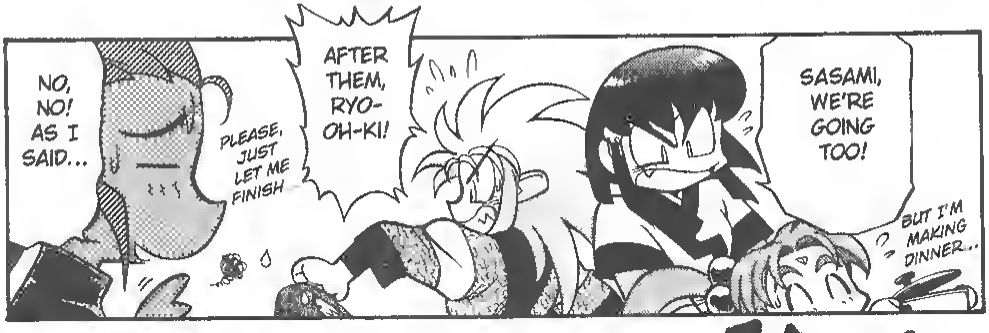
GRANDFATHER, NO!
I DON'T WANT YOU TO TAKE MOBIRA AWAY!
MIHOSHI, PLEASE... TRY TO UNDER-STAND.
NO! I DON'T WANT TO!
IT BREAKS MY HEART TO ARREST THIS YOUNG MAN...
...BUT THE LAW APPLIES TO ALL.
BUT HE'S MY FRIEND!
I HATE YOU! I HATE YOU!

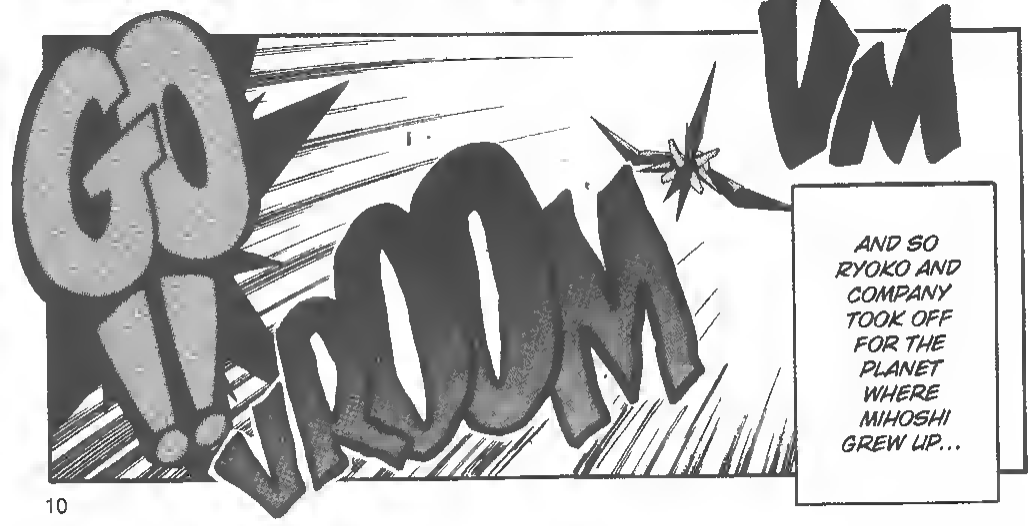
Tales of Tenchi #1:
PROMISE

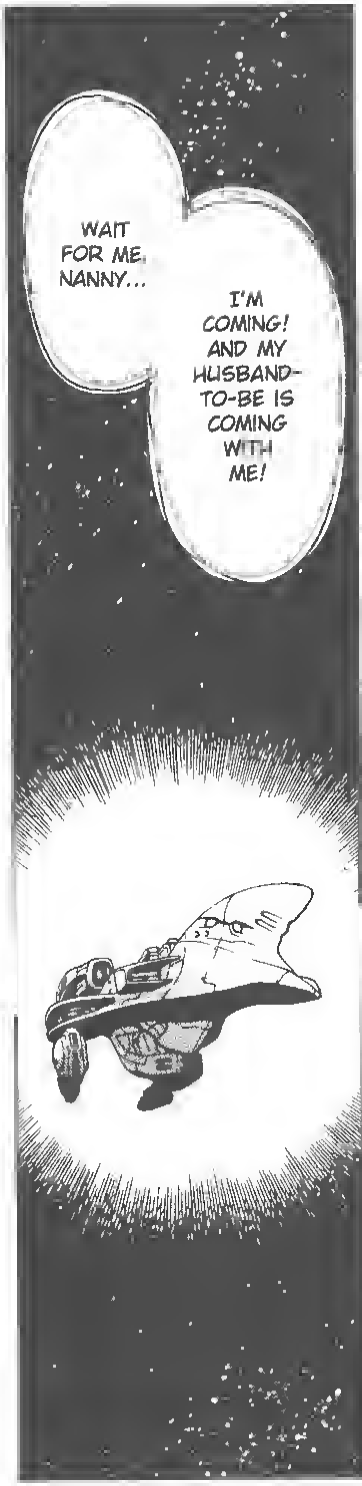
. . sniff
WAAAH!!
...shi...
MIHO-SHI.
!
...i...
OH, DEAR.
tee hee
I MUST HAVE FALLEN ASLEEP.
.....
NANNY... AN OLD WOMAN WHO LIVED NEARBY WHEN I WAS A KID. SHE CAME TO HELP OUT AT OUR SUMMER HOME WHEN I WAS LITTLE...
SHE WAS KIND AND WARM.... AND SOMETIMES *VERY* STRICT.

LADY MIHOSHI...
N-NANNY...
SWAP
WHA...
WHAT WAS *THAT* FOR?!
THANK YOU FOR PLEADING FOR MY FOOLISH GRANDSON.
BUT YOU MUSTN'T BLAME YOUR GRANDFATHER, LADY MIHOSHI... ***NEVER!***
HE'S GIVEN MY GRANDSON THE CHANCE TO ***START OVER***...

WHA...!
WHAT DID YOU SAY?! MIHOSHI TOOK TENCHI?!
AS HER FIANCÉ...! WHEN DID THEY GET ENGAGED?!


NO, NO! AS I SAID...
PLEASE, JUST LET ME FINISH
AFTER THEM, RYO-OH-KI!
SASAMI, WE'RE GOING TOO!
BUT I'M MAKING DINNER...


GO!!
VROOM
VM
AND SO RYOKO AND COMPANY TOOK OFF FOR THE PLANET WHERE MIHOSHI GREW UP...



OUR STORY GOES BACK A COUPLE OF HOURS...

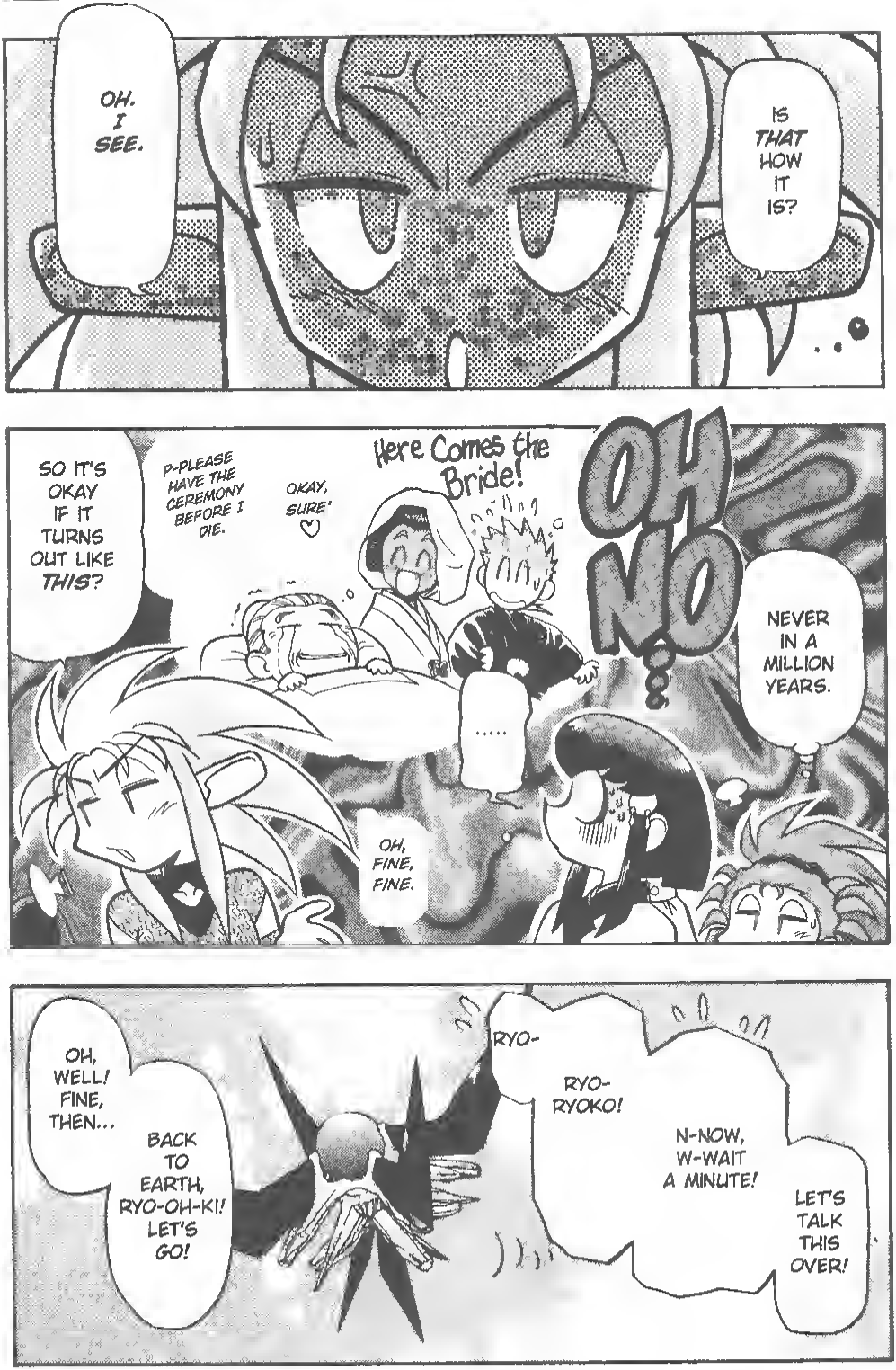
I'M SORRY, NANNY.
I'LL APOLOGIZE TO GRANDFATHER.
heh!
YOU DO THAT! IT'S A VERY NOBLE JOB HE DOES....
I KNOW. SOMEDAY I'M GOING TO BE A POLICE OFFICER--JUST LIKE GRANDFATHER.
OH, LADY MIHOSHI!

ALL RIGHT...BUT PLEASE TRY TO AVOID DOING DANGEROUS THINGS. I WANT TO SEE YOU IN YOUR WEDDING DRESS ONE DAY.
OKAY! I PROMISE.
WHEN I FIND SOMEONE I LIKE, YOU'LL BE THE *FIRST* I'LL INTRODUCE HIM TO!

VM
VM
VM
VM
VM
I'M SORRY, TENCHI. I KNOW IT'S A SELFISH FAVOR...
IT'S NOT YOUR FAULT.
YOU ONLY ASKED WASHU FOR ADVICE....
AND BOY DID SHE GIVE IT!
AN ANDROID? NO! TAKE LORD TENCHI HIMSELF!
WHAT? WHAT?
I TOTALLY UNDERSTAND HOW YOU FEEL-- WANTING TO FULFILL YOUR PROMISE TO YOUR NANNY...
THANK YOU, TENCHI...

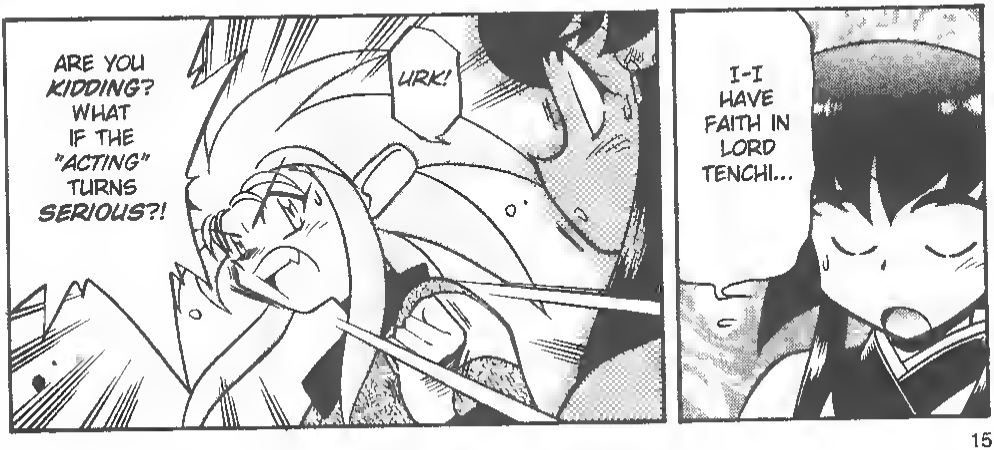
SO, TELL ME...HOW IS SHE DOING?
VM MM M MM SCH
.....
NOT GOOD, SORRY TO SAY...
SHE RARELY OPENS HER EYES. IT SEEMS HARDER AND HARDER FOR HER TO WAKE UP.
YOU CAME ALL THIS WAY WITH YOUR FIANCÉ, EVEN IF IT IS AN ACT.
I'D LIKE HER TO GET A GLIMPSE OF YOU TWO...
VM VM VM VM

.....
MOOOO
MOBIRA! YOU'VE CHANGED SO MUCH I HARDLY KNEW IT WAS YOU.
YOU TOO. BUT I OWE IT ALL TO YOUR GRANDFATHER THAT I WAS ABLE TO START OVER LIKE THIS.
OH, LET ME PRESENT TENCHI MASAKI.
bow
NICE TO MEET YOU.
THANKS FOR COMING SUCH A LONG WAY.


OH. I SEE.
IS THAT HOW IT IS?
SO IT'S OKAY IF IT TURNS OUT LIKE THIS?
P-PLEASE HAVE THE CEREMONY BEFORE I DIE.
OKAY, SURE' ♡
Here Comes the Bride!
OH NO
NEVER IN A MILLION YEARS.
.....
OH, FINE, FINE.
OH, WELL! FINE, THEN...
BACK TO EARTH, RYO-OH-KI! LET'S GO!
RYO-
RYO-RYOKO!
N-NOW, W-WAIT A MINUTE!
LET'S TALK THIS OVER!

UM
UM
UM
AHA! I FOUND THEM!
C'MON, RYOKO! ISN'T THIS ENOUGH?
LET'S GO!
WE CAN WAIT FOR THEM AT HOME.

WHAT?! WASHU'S STORY MADE YOU SWITCH SIDES?
OF COURSE IT DID.
IT'S DIFFERENT NOW THAT WE KNOW WHAT'S GOING ON.


ARE YOU KIDDING? WHAT IF THE "ACTING" TURNS SERIOUS?!
URK!
I-I HAVE FAITH IN LORD TENCHI...

NANNY, IT'S ME... MIHOSHI.
GRANDMA, CAN YOU HEAR HER? IT'S MIHOSHI!
SHE BROUGHT HER FIANCÉ TO MEET YOU!
.....
IT'S NO USE...
I'M SORRY... AFTER YOU HURRIED ALL THIS WAY.
THE DOCTOR SAYS SHE MAY NOT WAKE UP...
BUT...
BUT I...!
HOW...
HOW COULD THIS...

NANNY...

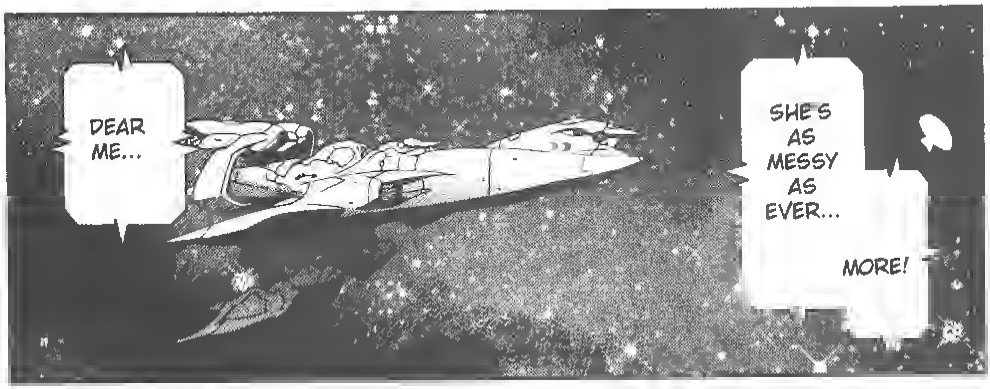
sob
wah!
snff
SHEESH! THIS'LL SPOIL MY TOUGH-GUY IMAGE!
THERE, THERE...

ALL RIGHT! LET'S HELP THEM OUT!
yeah!

HEH... SHE MAY STILL BE SIMPLE AND FOOLISH...
...BUT RYOKO'S COME A LONG WAY IN 700 YEARS!

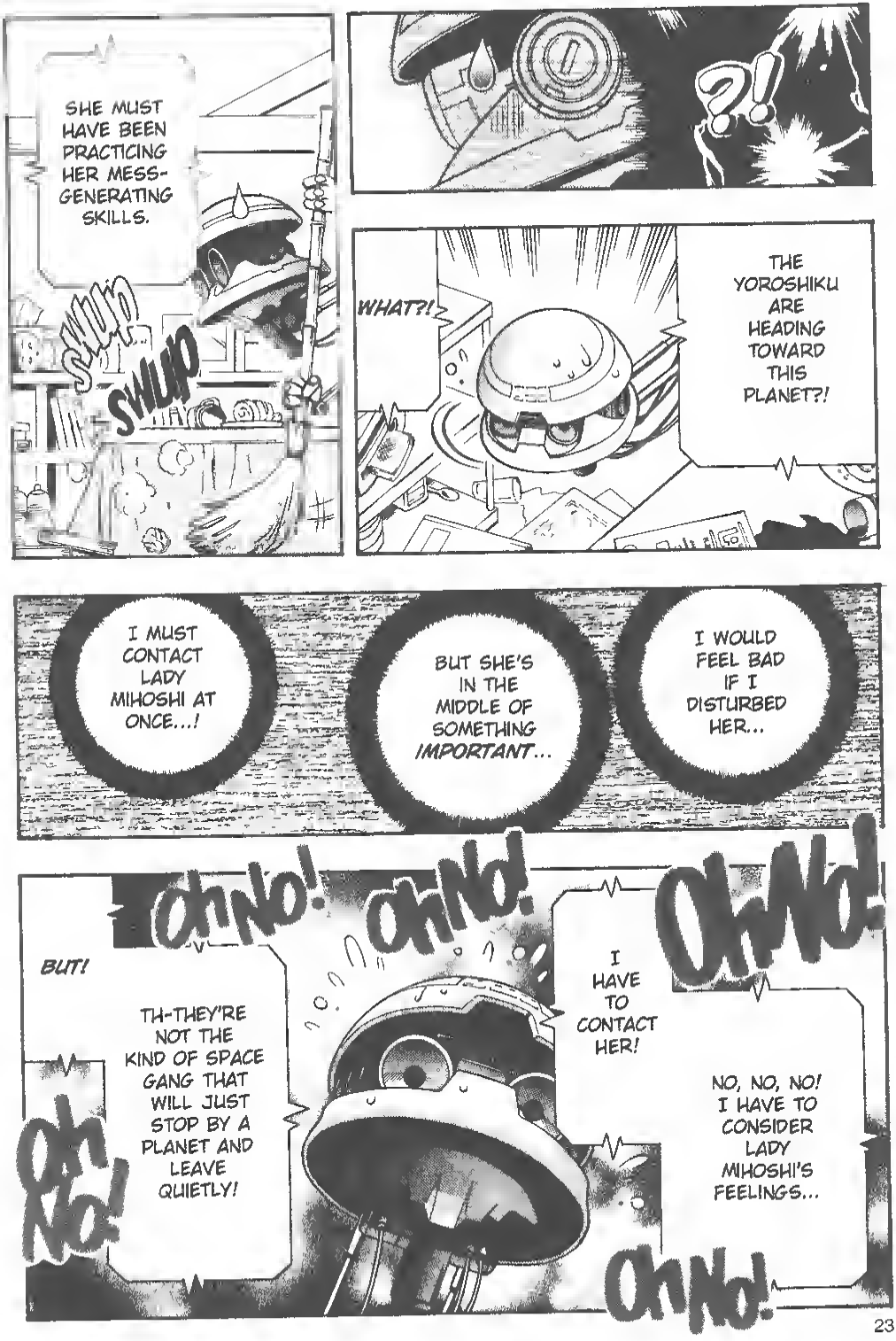
NNNT
...SO THAT'S HOW IT IS.
CLAK
SO?
WHAT NOW?

HMM? DID WE HIT SOME-THING?
LEADER! WHERE ARE WE HEADED?
YEEE-HAA!!
WE'VE BEEN RIDING LONG ENOUGH!
LET'S FIND A PLANET AND GET SOME R&R!
HONK! HONK!
ROGER! THAT'S WHY YOU'RE THE BOSS!
beep beep
GALACTIC BIKER GANG YOROSHIKU
THEY'RE BACK! (SEE VOL. 7)


DEAR ME...
SHE'S AS MESSY AS EVER...
MORE!

AFTER THIS SORTIE, I CAN TAKE A VACATION.
YOU GOING TO THE HOT SPRINGS AGAIN?
YEAH, I FOUND THIS GREAT NEW PLACE THAT...
BEEP BEEP
S-SIR! A FLEET OF UNKNOWN ALLEGIANCE! CLOSING IN FAST!
RMB
WHAT?!
RMB
TH-THEY'RE FAST!
WE'RE GOING TO H--!
RMB
GYAH!!
PARSEC HOG
BL
MELL THRUS

OH! WHAT SHOULD I DO?!


SHE MUST HAVE BEEN PRACTICING HER MESS-GENERATING SKILLS.
SWUP SWUP
?!
WHAT?!
THE YOROSHIKU ARE HEADING TOWARD THIS PLANET?!
I MUST CONTACT LADY MIHOSHI AT ONCE...!
BUT SHE'S IN THE MIDDLE OF SOMETHING IMPORTANT...
I WOULD FEEL BAD IF I DISTURBED HER...
Oh No!
Oh No!
Oh No!
Oh No!
Oh No!
BUT!
TH-THEY'RE NOT THE KIND OF SPACE GANG THAT WILL JUST STOP BY A PLANET AND LEAVE QUIETLY!
I HAVE TO CONTACT HER!
NO, NO, NO! I HAVE TO CONSIDER LADY MIHOSHI'S FEELINGS...

NANNY ONCE KINDLY WATCHED OVER MIHOSHI WHEN SHE WAS YOUNG. NOW, HER TIME OF DEATH DRAWS NEAR.
FIANCÉ
IT'S AN ACT, ONLY AN ACT...
OR ELSE RYOKO AND AYEKA WOULD KILL ME...
MIHOSHI ONCE PROMISED THAT, WHEN SHE FOUND SOMEONE SHE LIKED, NANNY WOULD BE THE FIRST TO MEET HIM. MIHOSHI ENLISTED TENCHI IN FULFILLING THAT PROMISE...ONLY TO FIND NANNY STILL IN A COMA.
THE OTHERS, WHO HAD SECRETLY FOLLOWED, VOWED TO HELP THEM.
BUT...
...JUST THEN, THE GALACTIC BIKER GANG YOROSHIKU DECIDED TO TAKE A VACATION--AND CHOSE THIS VERY PLANET!

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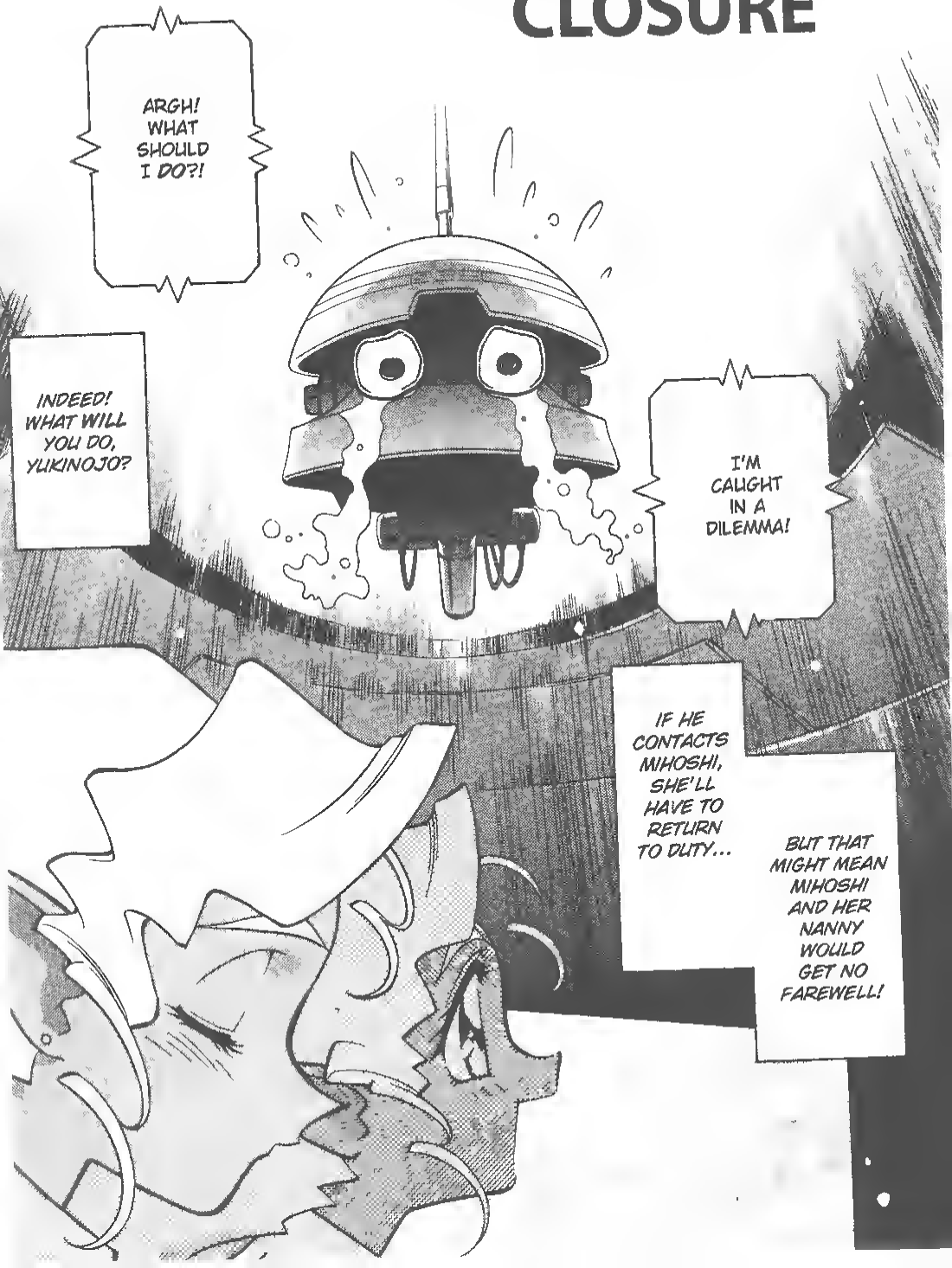
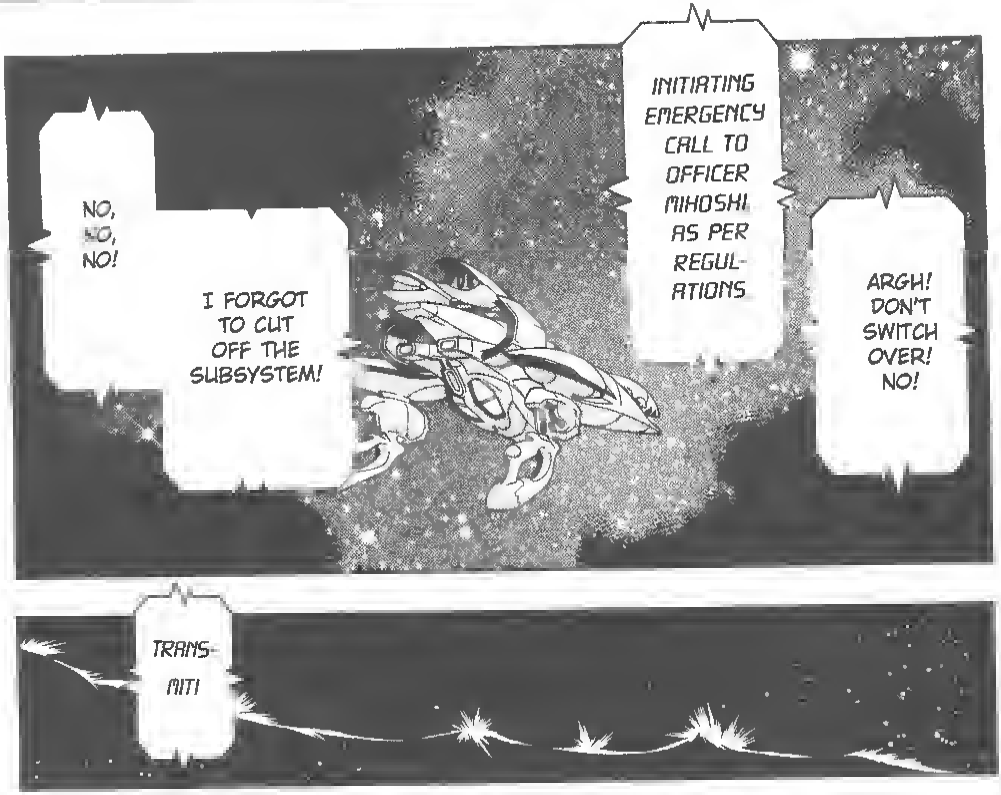
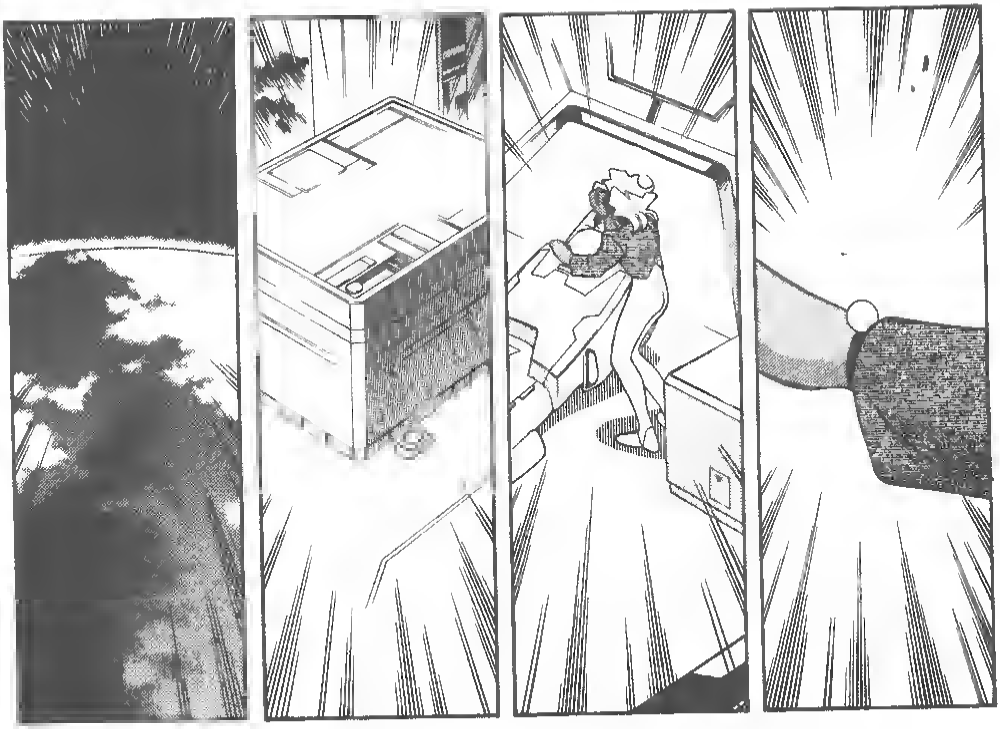

ARGH! WHAT SHOULD I DO?!
INDEED! WHAT WILL YOU DO, YUKINOJO?
I'M CAUGHT IN A DILEMMA!
IF HE CONTACTS MIHOSHI, SHE'LL HAVE TO RETURN TO DUTY...
BUT THAT MIGHT MEAN MIHOSHI AND HER NANNY WOULD GET NO FAREWELL!


NO, NO, NO!
I FORGOT TO CUT OFF THE SUBSYSTEM!
INITIATING EMERGENCY CALL TO OFFICER MIHOSHI AS PER REGULATIONS
ARGH! DON'T SWITCH OVER! NO!
TRANS-
MIT!



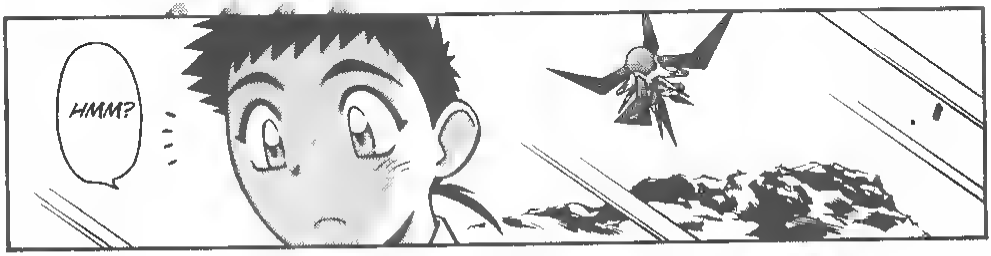
.....
IT CAN'T BE HELPED...
IF WE LET THE YOROSHIKU DO AS THEY PLEASE, IT'S INEVITABLE THAT THEY WOULD CAUSE HAVOC TO THE PEOPLE ON THIS PLANET, LET ALONE TO LADY MIHOSHI...
I HAVE TO REACH HER...
!
WAIT A MIN-UTE...!
THIS IS IT! I'M SO SMART!
I'VE GOT IT! IF I ACT ON MY OWN JUDGMENT, PERHAPS I CAN LEAVE LADY MIHOSHI ALONE...
IF I HAVE TO, I CAN ALWAYS CLAIM IT WAS A RADIO FAILURE...
THOUGHT PATTERN VIOLATES REGULATIONS! SWITCHING CONTROL TO EMERGENCY SUBSYSTEM!
HUH?!
OH, NO!

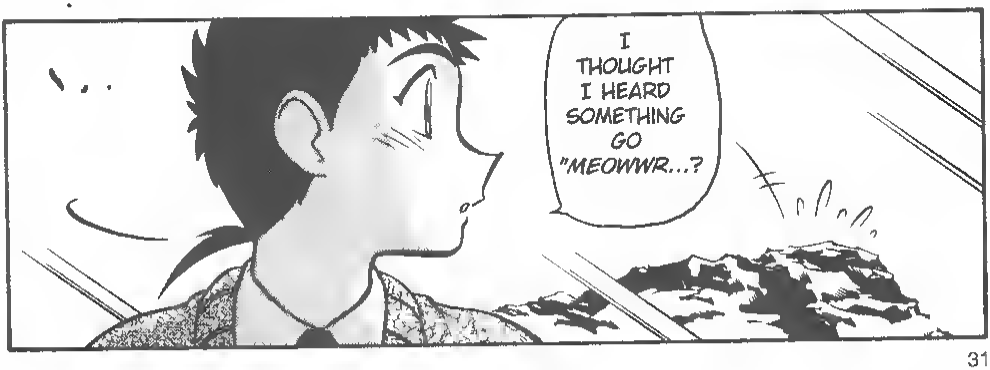
L-LADY WASHU...
I-I'M INDEBTED TO YOU.
OKAY, THAT'S IT FOR THE SAPPY STUFF!
SMP
ALL WE HAVE TO DO IS *NOT* LET THOSE SPACE BIKERS GET ANY CLOSER TO THIS PLANET!
GO FOR IT, RYO-OH-KI!
MRRRRRREEDOW

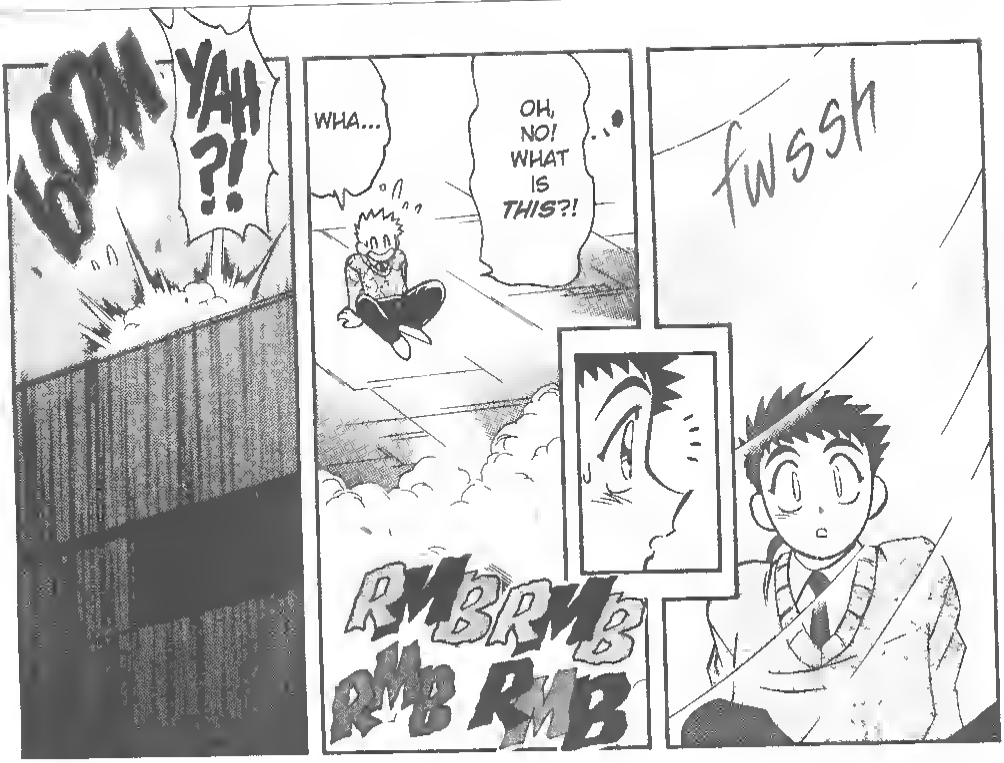
I'M SORRY... I DIDN'T MEAN IT...
SOB
IF I HAD DONE SOMETHING A LITTLE SOONER, THIS WOULDN'T HAVE...
YOU'RE A GOOD MAN, YUKI-NOJO!
!!
TH-THAT VOICE-- IS THAT WASHU?!
I GOT THE GIST OF YOUR PLIGHT.
IT'S OKAY! I HAD SET UP A COMMUNICATIONS SHIELD BEFOREHAND, IN CASE THIS KIND OF THING HAPPENED. YOUR CALL DIDN'T GO THROUGH TO LADY MIHOSHI.
B-BUT WHY DID YOU DO SUCH A THING...?!
ISN'T IT CLEAR AS DAY?
WE *ALL* KNOW WHAT *REALLY* MATTERS IN THIS LIFE...

I NEED MORE SLEEP...
PHEW! THAT WAS CLOSE.
NANNY, IT'S ME-- MIHOSHI! YOU USED TO TAKE CARE OF ME! REMEMBER?
PLEASE, NANNY...! PLEASE WAKE UP!

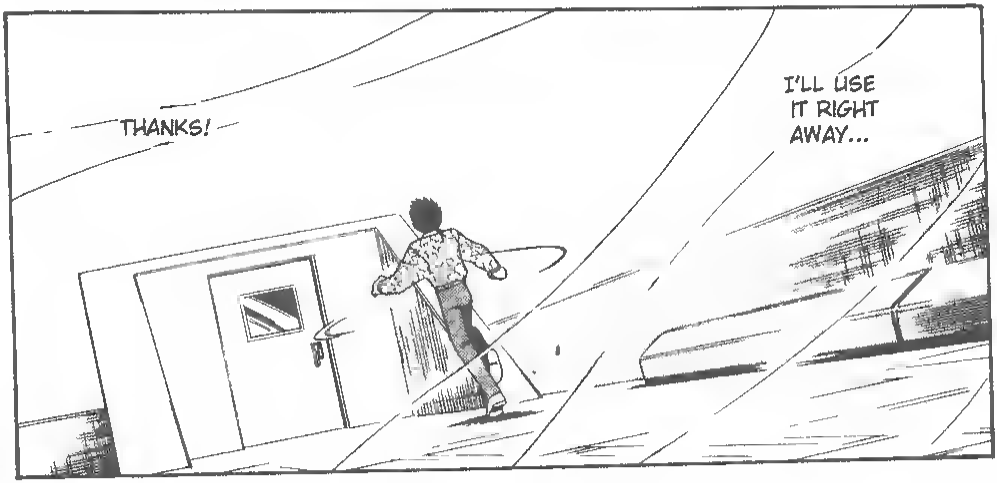
WHFFP
ERK
ME EE OO
WW WH


HMM?


I THOUGHT I HEARD SOMETHING GO "MEOWWR...?


KOOM
YAH ?!
WHA...
OH, NO! WHAT IS THIS?!
fwssh
RMBRMB
RMB RMB

I SEE...
THAT'S WASHU FOR YOU.


THANKS!
I'LL USE IT RIGHT AWAY...

DAMN...
CAN'T I DO ANYTHING...?
!!
WAIT A SEC!
WHAT'S THIS CASE?
JUST TAKE IT. PRESS THE RED BUTTON IF YOU NEED ANYTHING. IT'S SURE TO COME IN USEFUL!
SHAAAAAOOOOOO
BUT IT MIGHT BE BETTER IN AN OPEN AREA WITH NOBODY AROUND.
HMMM... HOW ABOUT THE HOSPITAL ROOF...?
WHO KNOWS, WITH HER TOYS?
I FEEL THIS... ...ANXIETY WHEN IT COMES TO WASHU'S GADGETS...
HMM
OKAY, WASHU! I'M GONNA TRUST YOU!
KACHIK!!!

OH, NO...
IT... IT'S RYO-OH-KI!
BUT RYOKO'S STATUTE OF LIMITA-TIONS IS UP!
BWOOP
GO HOME! YOU CAN'T JOIN US!
WE DON'T NEED SOMEONE WITHOUT A BOUNTY!
DO YOU PLAN TO LAND ON THIS PLANET?
TOO BAD! NOW LISTEN UP!
HA! YOU'RE GOING TO FIGHT ALL OF US— WITH YOUR ONE SHIP?!

I'M SURE THE FOLKS THERE ARE GENER-OUS!
TAKE ALL YOU WANT-- AND SHOW SOME GRATITUDE!
ALL RIGHT-- THIS IS THE PLACE!
!?
LEADER, WEIRD GRAVITY READING AHEAD!
WHAT?!
I THINK IT'S...A SHIP!? A SHIP IS COMING!
WAIT! ISN'T THAT...!?

DEAR...
WHAT?
WHERE DID TENCHI GO WITH MIHOSHI?
DON'T WORRY-- HE SAID THEY'LL BE RIGHT BACK.
tap tap
MOBIRA, IT'S MIHOSHI.
chk
WHERE HAVE YOU TWO BEEN...?
!
I SEE...
THAT'S WHAT YOU'RE UP TO!
COME IN! COME RIGHT IN!
WOW..
NICE...

SO WHAT IF WE ARE?
I DON'T SEE YOUR NAME ON IT!
HMPH
I'M NOT SURE I LIKE YOUR TONE! YOU NEED TO TURN BACK...
NOW! DON'T GO THERE...
...UNLESS YOU WANT THIS TO BE THE DAY YOU GUYS DISBAND!
DON'T MAKE ME LAUGH...
...AND DON'T BLAME US LATER!

NANNY...
PLEASE WAKE UP...
I BROUGHT THE ONE I LOVE...
LOOK.
FWMM
THIS IS TENCHI... MY FIANCÉ.
AND LOOK...

NANNY...

plip
GRANDMA!
NANNY!

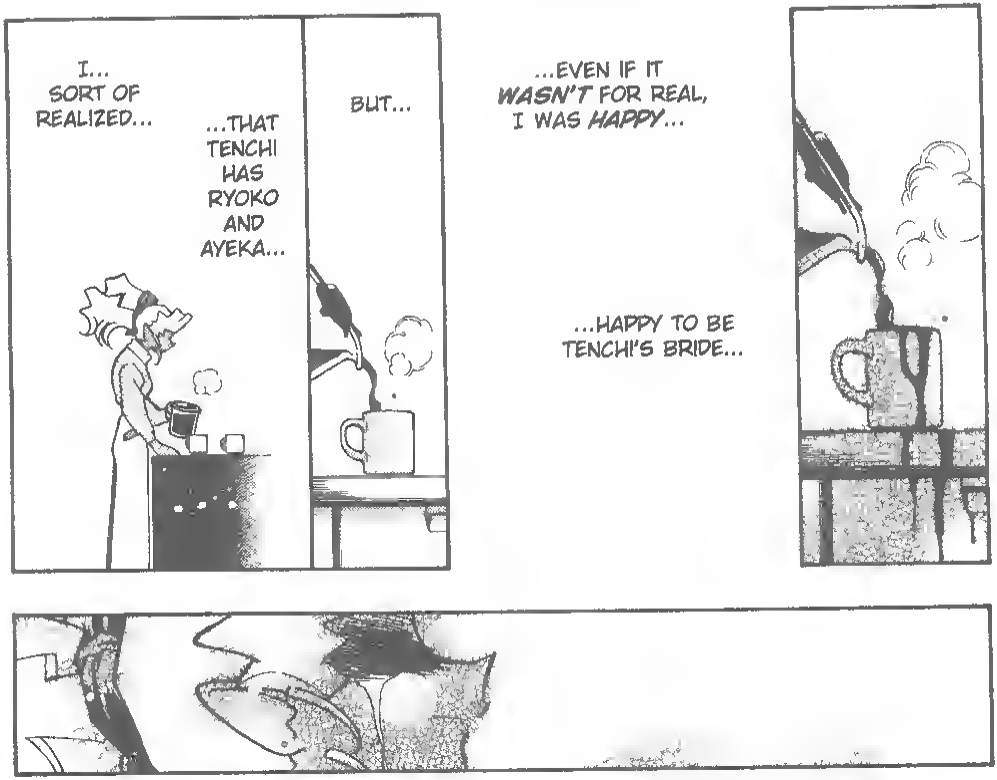
THIS IS...
...THIS IS ME, IN MY WEDDING DRESS... AS I PROMISED...
MIHOSHI...

DID YOU SEE...?
NANNY?!
IT'S NO USE...
SHE'S BACK IN A COMA.
MIHO-SHI...
TE...
snff
TENCHI...
waaaaahhh

GRANDMA, CAN YOU SEE?
IT'S MIHOSHI! MIHOSHI IN HER WEDDING DRESS... CAN YOU UNDERSTAND?!

...A COUPLE OF WEEKS PASSED...

OH, DEAR, YOU'RE BACK. HOW IS MIHOSHI DOING?
WELL... SHE'S PRETTY DOWN.
SHE CAME FROM SO FAR AWAY BUT MAYBE THIS JUST MADE HER FEEL WORSE.
HOW'S GRANDMA?
NO CHANGE IN A WHILE...
I SEE...
IT'S TOO BAD... I WANTED HER TO JUST HAVE ONE LOOK AT MIHOSHI IN HER WEDDING DRESS...SHE WOULD'VE LOVED THAT.


I... SORT OF REALIZED...
...THAT TENCHI HAS RYOKO AND AYEKA...
BUT...
...EVEN IF IT *WASN'T* FOR REAL, I WAS *HAPPY*...
...HAPPY TO BE TENCHI'S BRIDE...

NANNY... I'M SORRY I LIED TO YOU...
...BUT I REALLY *DID* BRING THE ONE I LOVED...
SO YOU'LL FORGIVE ME, WON'T YOU...?

UH... MIHOSHI.
TENCHI...
UM...
I DON'T KNOW WHAT TO SAY...
YOU WERE SO SWEET TO HELP ME!
pee pee
FMMP
I DON'T KNOW HOW TO THANK YOU. TENCHI...
.....
I'LL GO MAKE US SOME TEA.
TMP TMP TMP

WHAT CAN WE DO? ALL WE HAVE IS RICE...
AT LEAST THERE ARE CARROTS TO SELL!
I CAN'T BELIEVE MOST OF THE SHOPPING DISTRICT HAPPENED TO CLOSE ALL AT ONCE!
MREOW! ♡
I GUESS WE CAN ORDER OUT...
HOLD YOUR HORSES!
I GUESS YOU DIDN'T COUNT ON WASHU, THE GENIUS SCIENTIST, NOW DID YOU?!
I'VE HAD THIS READY FOR JUST SUCH AN EVENT!
"THE INSTA-WARP FOOD STORE HOUSE"!
WHAT'S UP?
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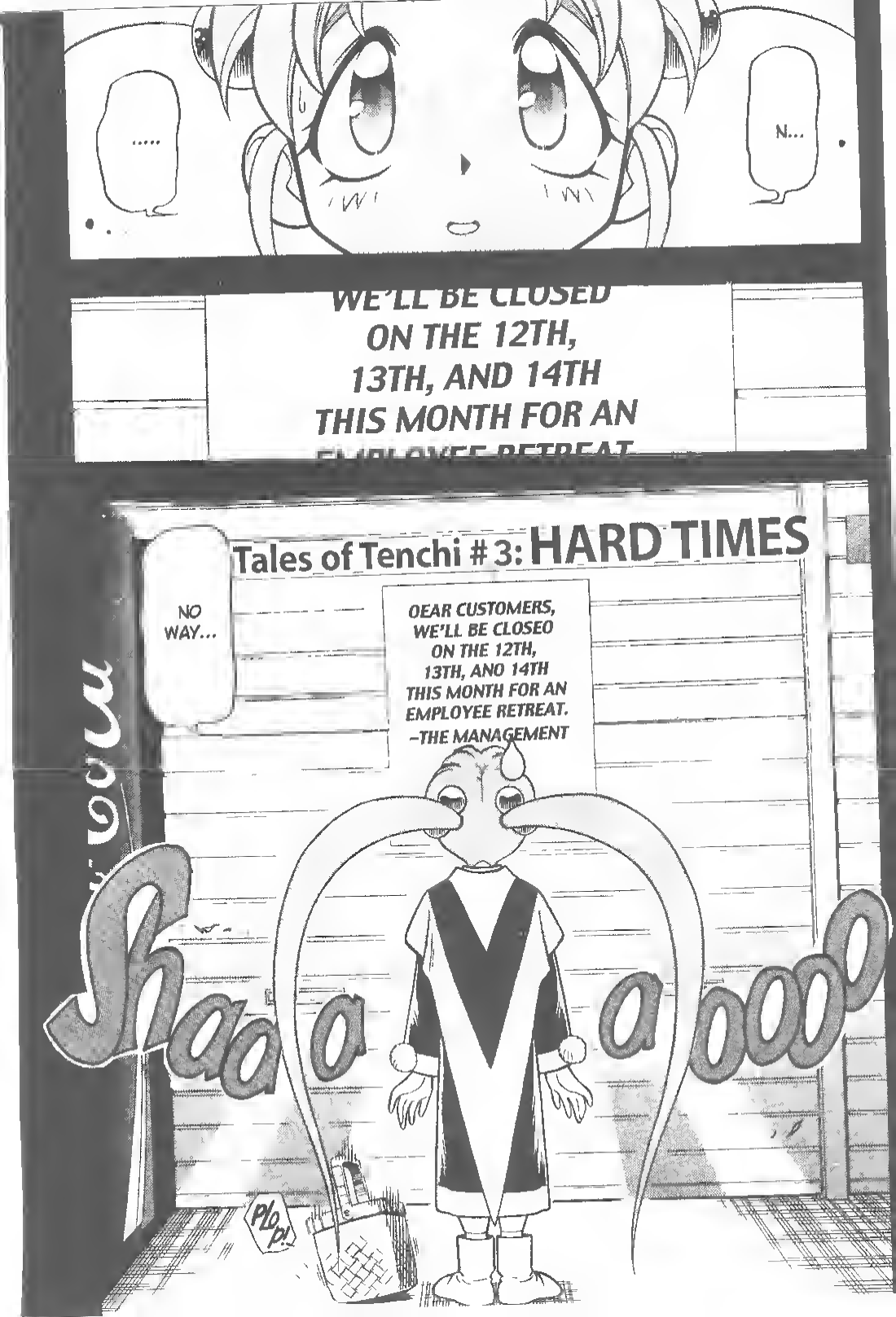
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N...
WE'LL BE CLOSED
ON THE 12TH,
13TH, AND 14TH
THIS MONTH FOR AN
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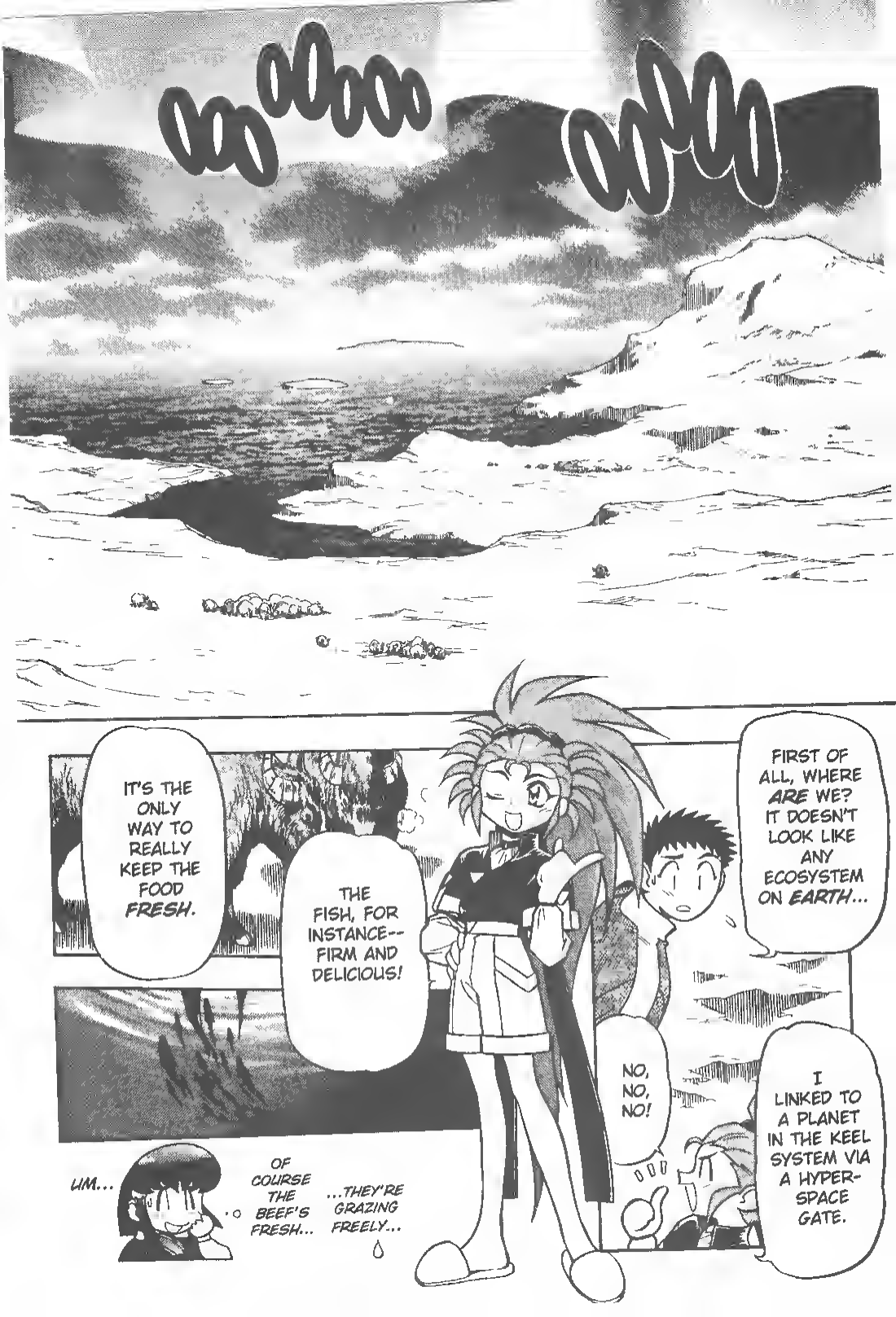
NO WAY...
DEAR CUSTOMERS,
WE'LL BE CLOSED
ON THE 12TH,
13TH, AND 14TH
THIS MONTH FOR AN
EMPLOYEE RETREAT.
–THE MANAGEMENT
Shaa Vaaa
PLOP!

WOW! IT'S HUGE!
UM, LORD TENCHI... ISN'T THAT AN AURORA?
LOVELY...
I-IT MIGHT BE A BIT LARGE FOR US...

Ka
Tap
too
Doo
!!
URMM...
WHY HAVEN'T I GOTTEN USED TO THIS BAD FEELING...?
ooh ahh
WHY DIDN'T YOU SAY SO?
TEE, HEE! ♡
JUST WAIT FOR THE GOOD PART!
Beep Boop
tap

AYEKA, LOOK OVER HERE!
OH, HOW CUTE!
MMM! A TERIYAKI SAUCE WOULD BE PERFECT!
.....
?
NO! YOU CAN'T EAT HIM!
LADY WASHU!
JUST KIDDING! HE'S NOT FOOD.
BUT WHEN THE ARTIST WAS LITTLE, HE WAS FED MUSHROOMS AND TOLD, "HERE COMES MR. PENGUIN!"
WHAT A HAPPY FAMILY DINNER SCENE...
shudder


FIRST OF ALL, WHERE *ARE* WE? IT DOESN'T LOOK LIKE ANY ECOSYSTEM ON *EARTH*...
I LINKED TO A PLANET IN THE KEEL SYSTEM VIA A HYPER-SPACE GATE.
NO, NO, NO!
THE FISH, FOR INSTANCE-- FIRM AND DELICIOUS!
IT'S THE ONLY WAY TO REALLY KEEP THE FOOD *FRESH*.
UM...
OF COURSE THE BEEF'S FRESH...
...THEY'RE GRAZING FREELY...

HEY! WHAT'S EVERYONE DOING IN THERE?
urk
doom
DOOM
YOO HOO!
DOOM
STAY RIGHT THERE AND DON'T MOVE!
FWIP
FWIP
!
HUH?
WHY DO YOU LOOK LIKE--
?

BRRR! WHY DON'T WE GET BACK INSIDE?
Y-Y-YEAH.
I WAS JUST THINKING THE SAME THING.
HMPH! WUSSES!
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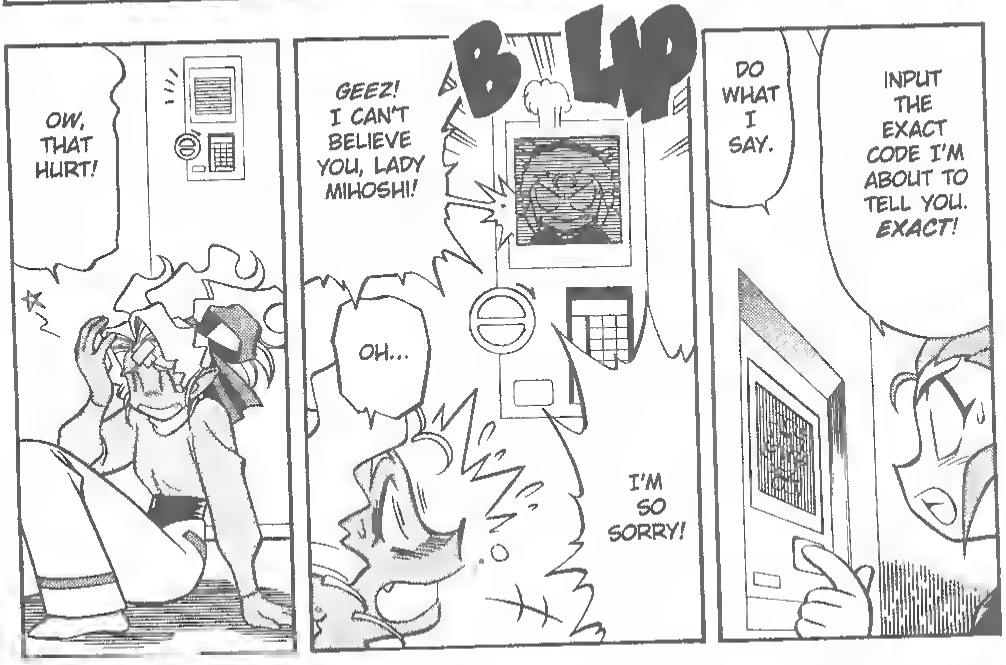
I'M HUNGRY! IS DINNER READY YET?
WHAT'S GOING ON? WHY IS IT FREEZING?
WHAT'S IN HERE?
!?

ONCE WE GET BACK, I'LL ADD...
FWSH
.....
OH, NOOO! WHAT SHOULD I DO?! WHAT SHOULD I DOOO??!
BOOP
BEEP
BEEP
MIHOSHI HURRIEDLY INPUTTED A CODE, BUT WHAT WERE THE CHANCES OF IT CAUSING THE TWO SIDES TO DISCONNECT...?
I...
HOW...?
WHISPER—WHISPER
THOSE TWO ARE LIKE OIL AND WATER, HUH.. ?
WHISPER
I'D SAY MIHOSHI IS MORE LIKE A THORN IN WASHU'S SIDE ..
WHISPER
MIHOSHI'D LOOK THE PART IF SHE WAS A HUNCHBACK DIGGING UP BRAINS...
KA
FOOSH

KA
BUK
SCREEK
SLAM
CLICK


OW, THAT HURT!
GEEZ! I CAN'T BELIEVE YOU, LADY MIHOSHI!
BLIP
OH...
I'M SO SORRY!
DO WHAT I SAY.
INPUT THE EXACT CODE I'M ABOUT TO TELL YOU. EXACT!

GOOD JOB, "GENIUS", YOU SHOULD'VE MADE IT SO THAT IT WOULD UNLOCK FROM THE INSIDE!
WELL EXCUSE ME, BUT I WASN'T DONE MAKING THIS YET!

N-NOW WHAT? AN EARTH-QUAKE?!
RUMBLE
NOOO!
TENCHI!
LOOK!
RUMBLE
Sniff
THE HERDS! THE WEATHER HAS THEM IN A PANIC!
HOW COULD SHE?!
FACED WITH LADY MIHOSHI'S ARBITRARY MANIPULATION OF THE KEYPAD, OUR LIVES ARE AS GOOD AS DIRT!
YOU MEAN... MIHOSHI IS TURNING INTO THE GOD OF THIS PLANET?

NOW WHAT'S HAPPENING?! LIGHTNING?!
THAT CAN'T BE!
THE WEATHER HERE ISN'T PROGRAM-MED TO...

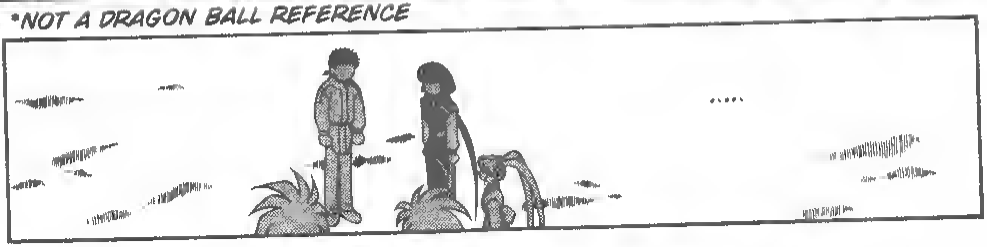
COULD IT BE...!
THIS ISN'T IT EITHER!
bop
boop
OHH, OPEN, PLEASE!

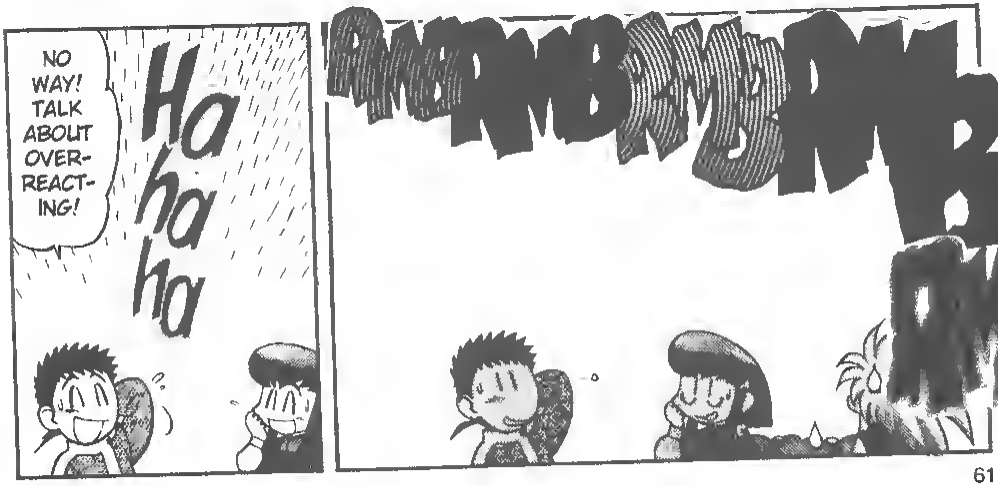
THE WEATHER HERE IS BEING THROWN INTO CHAOS-- BECAUSE SHE'S PUNCHING IN CODES AT RANDOM!
WHAT?!

!!

GET
EEK!
IT'S A WHALE?!
W-WASHU, YOU EVEN KEPT SOMETHING LIKE THIS?!
GIVE ME A BREAK! IT'S A DELICACY!
BUT JUST IN THE NICK OF TIME...
RMB
AMB
RMB
EEK!
PLEASE OPEN UP!
Taa Taa Taa Taa Taa Taa Bee Boop!
Taah!
ting
A MIRACLE OCCURRED!

*NOT A DRAGON BALL REFERENCE





RYOKO, CAN YOU GIVE ME A HAND?
C'MON!
LET'S EAT HIM ALREADY!
NO!
WHEN THE DOOR'S FIXED, WASHU WILL SEND HIM BACK.
THEN SHE'LL SEAL THE CONNECTION! IT'S ALL BEEN DISCUSSED. AND FROM NOW ON, I'LL BE CAREFUL TO NOT LET US RUN OUT OF FOOD, OKAY?
LATER, RUMORS SPREAD THAT THERE WAS A WHALE IN THE POND...
KI'NG! KLANG!
OKAY, DINNER TIME!
...BUT WASHU USED HER SCIENCE ONCE MORE...
...AND PEOPLE AROUND TOWN FORGOT ABOUT IT IN DUE TIME...

Ker
SPLOOSH

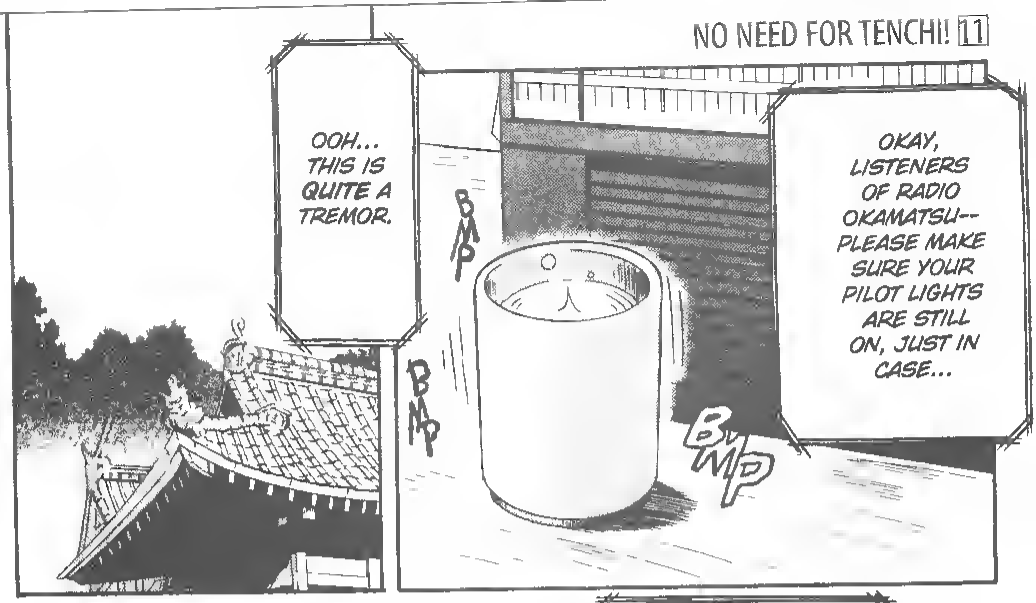
GUARDS! TAKE THE TRAITOR TO PRISON!
fmsh
DON'T TOUCH ME--I'M GOING!
tap
tap
YOU'VE BEEN RUNNING THIS PLANET FOR THE PAST FIFTY YEARS— DO WHAT YOU WANT.
BUT DON'T FORGET... THERE ARE THINGS THAT PEOPLE SHOULDN'T MEDDLE WITH.
tap
tap
LORD... ARE YOU SURE ABOUT THIS?
tap
TO BE MORTAL IS TO STRUGGLE. EVEN AGAINST THE INEVITABLE! I PLAN TO FIGHT THIS BATTLE TO THE END-- SO STOP WORRYING!
YOUR TIME IS BETTER SPENT MAKING ADJUSTMENTS TO THE HYPERSPACE FIELD!

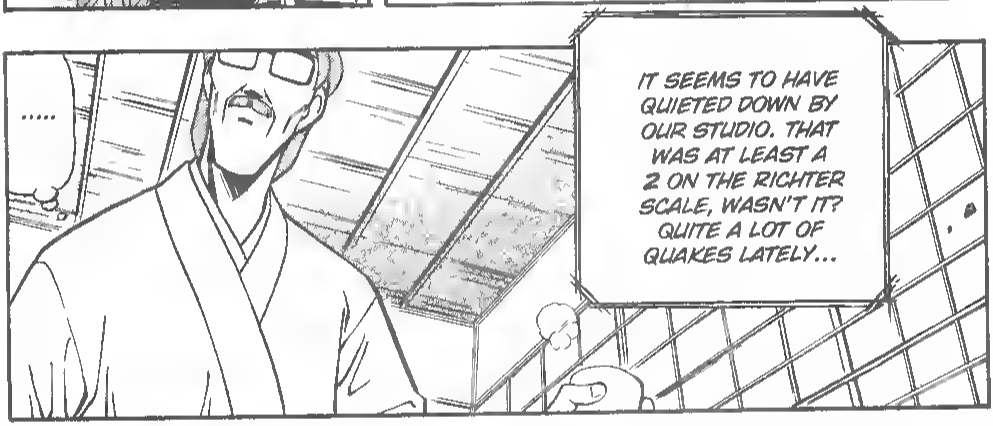
A PLANET IN THE LEO CONSTELLATION, OKU-II
FATHER!
PLEASE DECIDE!
SIX HUNDRED YEARS AGO...
BUT IS IT RIGHT TO GO SO FAR TO EXTEND THE LIFE OF THIS PLANET...?
NOW THAT 96% OF THE POPULATION HAVE BEGUN TO EMIGRATE TO OTHER PLANETS, WHAT REASON DO WE HAVE TO CARRY OUT THIS PLAN?
...TWILIGHT WAS DESCENDING ON THIS WORLD.
SO...
...YOU THINK WE SHOULD JUST FORSAKE OUR PLANET...
!
...OUR HOME! THEN I MUST PLACE YOU UNDER ARREST FOR TREA

IN TEN MORE YEARS, THE SUN'S GRAVITY FIELD WILL COLLAPSE ALREADY. THE LANDS OF OKU-II HAVE BEEN RAVAGED BY DROUGHTS AND OTHER ABNORMAL WEATHER.
I WILL NOT LET THIS PLANET BURN UP WITHOUT A FIGHT!
I SWEAR UPON MY NAME!
BUT THERE'S STILL TIME!
NO! WE WILL MAKE TIME!

Tales of Tenchi #4:
FISSURES

WASN'T THAT ANOTHER EARTH-QUAKE?
DID THEY TALK ABOUT IT ON THE RADIO?
OOPS...
TENCHIIII...
SIT DOWN!
WAAH!
JUST A STEREO-TYPICAL, RUN-OF-THE-MILL DAY.
THINGS ALWAYS OCCUR OUT OF THE BLUE...
...WHICH IS HOW WE LEARN...
...HOW IMPORTANT THINGS ARE WHEN THEY'RE GONE...


OOH... THIS IS QUITE A TREMOR.
BMP
BMP
BMP
OKAY, LISTENERS OF RADIO OKAMATSU-- PLEASE MAKE SURE YOUR PILOT LIGHTS ARE STILL ON, JUST IN CASE...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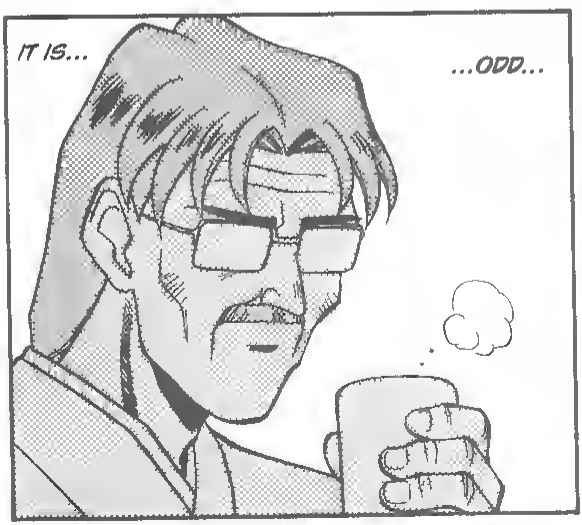
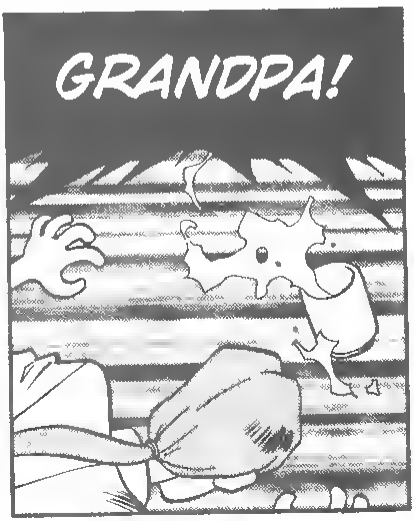
IT SEEMS TO HAVE QUIETED DOWN BY OUR STUDIO. THAT WAS AT LEAST A 2 ON THE RICHTER SCALE, WASN'T IT? QUITE A LOT OF QUAKES LATELY...


IT IS...
...ODD...


GRANDPA!

FOOD'S ON THE TABLE!
♡
TENCHI'S CLEANING THE GROUNDS AT THE SHRINE. COULD YOU GET HIM?
LORD TENCHI!
THE ONE WHO GETS TO TENCHI FIRST *WINS*?!
HM...
I'M ON! BUT NO *FLYING* OR *TELE-PORTING*!
READY, GO!
KRASH
OOOF
MOOO
oho hohoho
I GUESS...
...IT'LL *ALWAYS* BE THIS WAY...
SOB
NOW, NOW.
I'LL HELP CLEAN UP.

NOW, RYOKO! THAT'S NOT FAIR!
THAT'S YOUR TOUGH LUCK! THESE TWO TICKETS TO THE AMUSEMENT PARK ARE FOR ME AND TENCHI.
SASAMI WON THEM IN THE RAFFLE-- NOT YOU!
SO THEY BELONG TO SASAMI, YOU THIEF!
BUT SHE GAVE THEM TO ME! HOW IS THAT THEFT?!
UM...
M-MAYBE YOU COULD ROSHAMBO FOR IT?
YOU STAY OUT OF THIS!
OFF
eek!
YEAH!

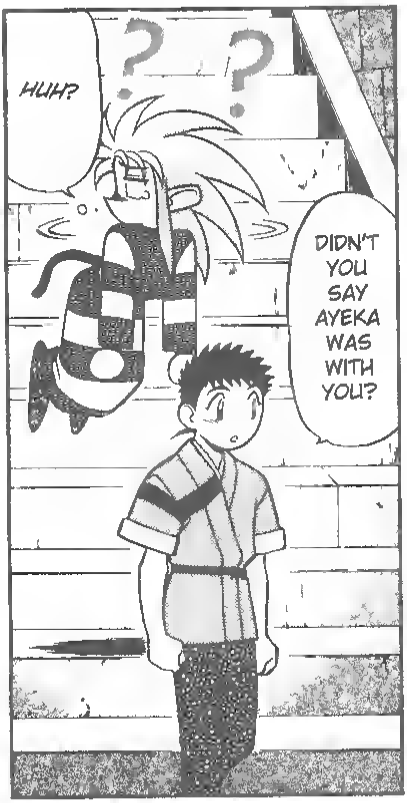
I FOUND HER!
COME TO ME, AYEKA...
NOW!

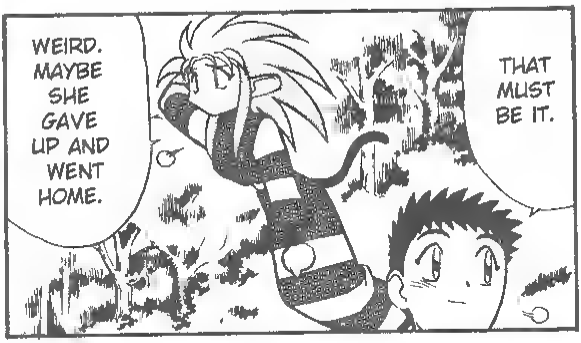
ARGH! AYEKA, SINCE WHEN HAVE YOU BEEN ABLE TO RUN LIKE LIGHTNING?!
OOOOOH!
VROO
oho ho ho ho ho ho!
THE WALKER MACHINE THAT I SECRETLY PURCHASED THROUGH MAIL ORDER WASN'T JUST FOR SHOW!
OHO HO HO! DON'T UNDER-ESTI-MATE...
VROOM!!!
?!
SKRRT!
SEE YA LATER, PRIN-CESS!
twee twee twee
OOF
THAT'S FOUL PLAY!
UP AND AT 'EM!
STOPPPP!
NO FAIR!

!
WHAT'S UP, RYOKO?
OH... UM.
NOT A THING.
YOU KNOW WHAT, TENCHI? ♡
I'VE GOT TICKETS! ♡ LET'S GO ON A DATE!
WOW! TWO TICKETS TO THE AMUSE-MENT PARK...
BUT WE SHOULD GO WITH THE WHOLE GROUP.
IT'LL BE MORE FUN THAT WAY.
AAACH!
?
STUPID ME! I DIDN'T TAKE INTO ACCOUNT TENCHI'S KIND HEART!
AND ROCKLIKE IMPERMEABILITY!

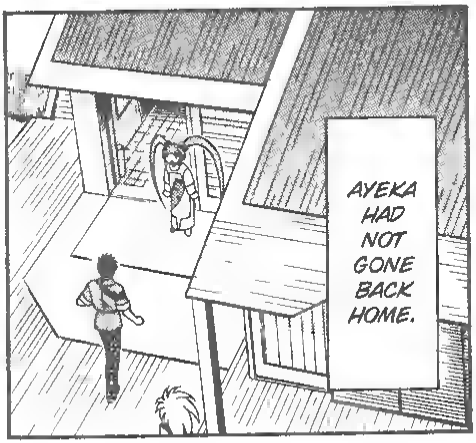
HUH !?
HUHHHH
POP

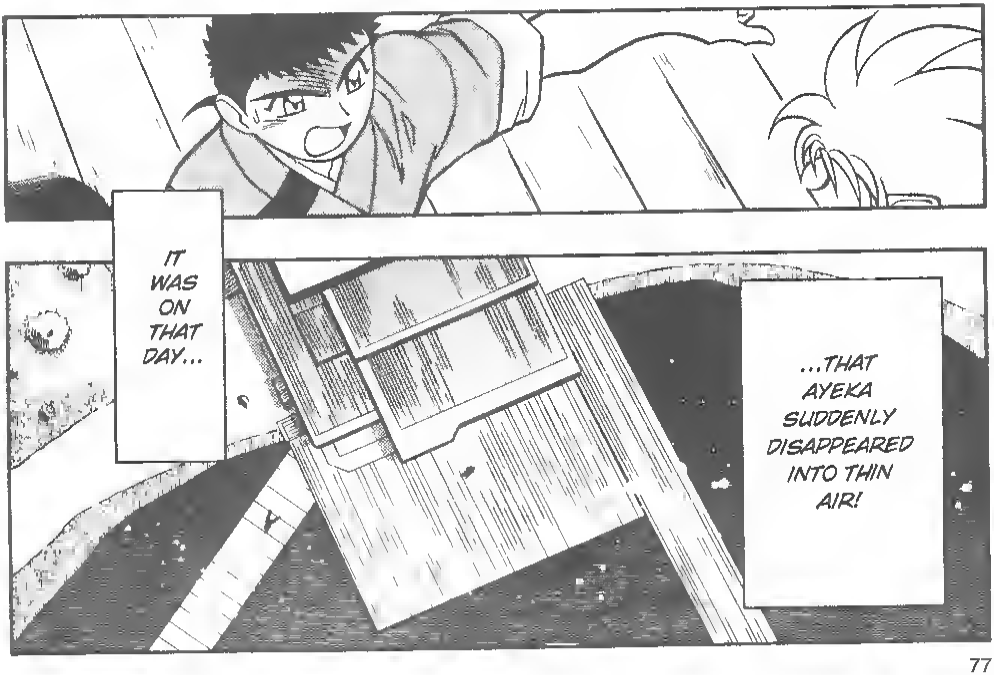
ONE WEEK LATER...
MISSING
KA
SNAP
MR. MASAKI!
WHAT HAVE YOU THERE?
MORE COPIES, SASAMI?
AYEKA MASAKI
uses polite speech
MR. MASAKI... YOU SHOULD TAKE A BREAK.
HA HA HA, I'M FINE!
TOUGHER THAN I LOOK, YOU KNOW.


HUH?
DIDN'T YOU SAY AYEKA WAS WITH YOU?


WEIRD. MAYBE SHE GAVE UP AND WENT HOME.
THAT MUST BE IT.

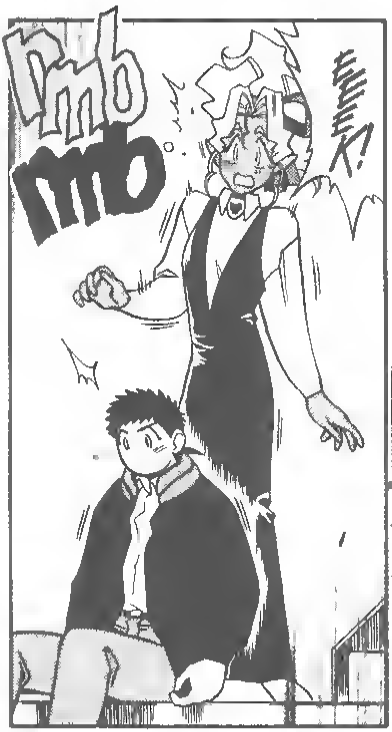
BUT, NO...

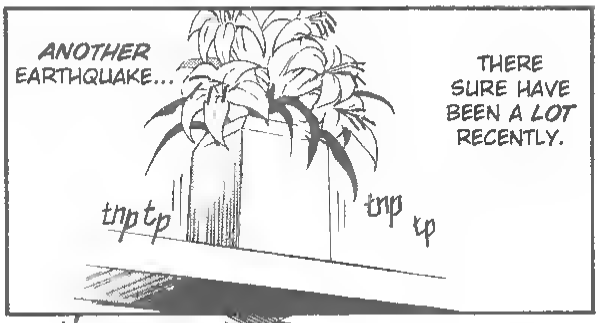

AYEKA HAD NOT GONE BACK HOME.


IT WAS ON THAT DAY...
...THAT AYEKA SUDDENLY DISAPPEARED INTO THIN AIR!

EVERYONE'S EFFORTS WERE IN VAIN, AND THEY GOT NO INFORMATION AT ALL, LET ALONE ANY CONTACT FROM AYEKA.

EVEN WHEN KATSUHITO SECRETLY USED HIS INFLUENCE ON THE POLICE BRASS-- NOTHING.





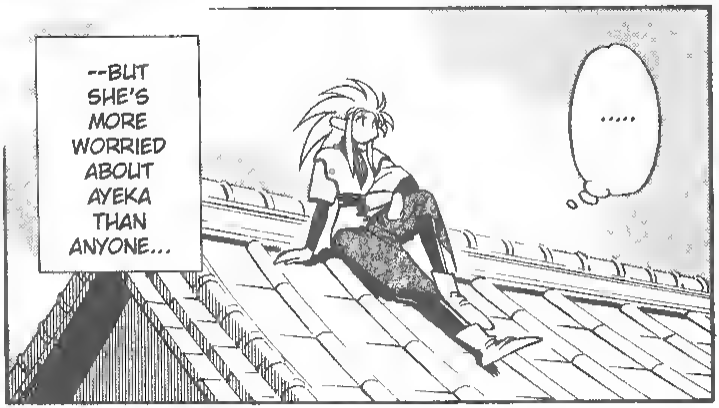
OKAY, LET'S GO TO THE NEXT ONE.
MR. MASAKI...
TAKING TIME OFF FROM HIS JOB, JUST FOR AYEKA!
COME BACK SOON, SISTER...
EVERYONE...
EVERYONE'S SO WORRIED ABOUT YOU.
KaTOK
I'M HOME!
OH! TENCHI, YOU'RE BACK.
PUTTING UP ALL THOSE FLIERS MUST'VE BEEN TIRING.
NAH!
SO HOW ABOUT YOU? DID YOU GET ANY PHONE CALLS?

THANK YOU, LADY WASHU...

O-OH, COME ON, LORD KATSU-HITO.
WE'RE FAMILY. NO NEED FOR THANKS!
Fip
Fap

.....
AYEKA IS A LUCKY GIRL TO HAVE SO MANY PEOPLE CARE ABOUT HER.

WELL, WE *ALL* FEEL EXACTLY THE SAME.
EVEN RYOKO MAY *PRETEND* TO BE INDIFFERENT WHEN WE'RE AROUND--


--BUT SHE'S MORE WORRIED ABOUT AYEKA THAN ANYONE...
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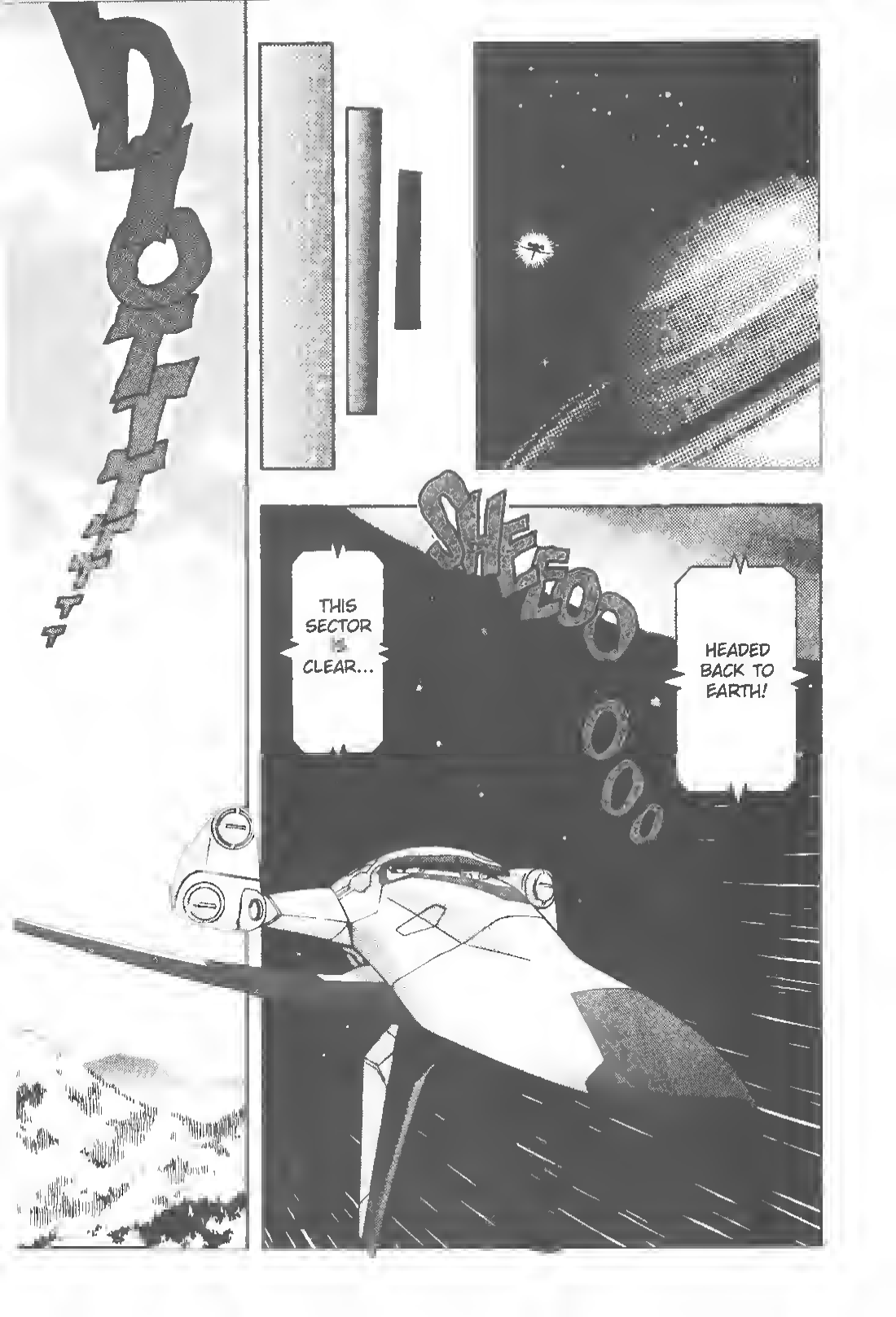
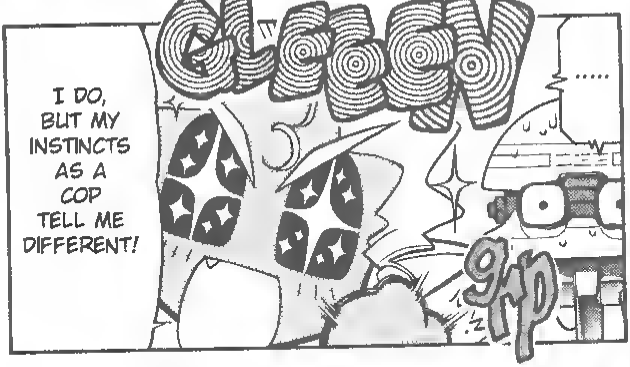
FEELS LIKE ONE MORE QUAKE OCCURRED.
BUT IT'S ODD-- I CAN'T SPECIFY THE EPICENTER... IT'S LIKE ONLY THE EARTH'S SURFACE IS TREMBLING.
HMM?
THEY CLAIM THAT'S SEISMOGRAPH FAILURE.
YEAH, RIGHT. THE AUTHORITIES CAN'T ADMIT THAT THERE ARE THINGS UNMEASURABLE WITH EARTH'S TECHNOLOGY.
beep
boop
IN ANY CASE...
...I TRIED EVERY KIND OF SCIENTIFIC INQUIRY I COULD THINK OF...
...AND LADY AYEKA'S LOCATION IS A TOTAL MYSTERY.
I HATE NOT SOLVING THAT ONE...
beep
boop
.....

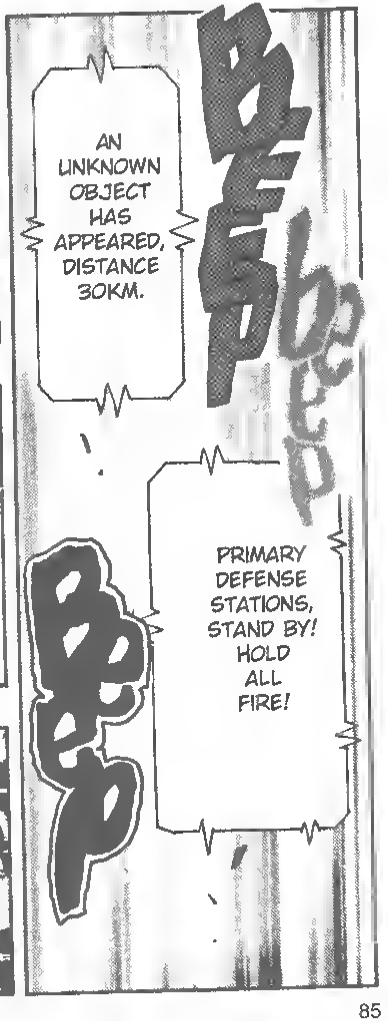

DOTTTTTT
SHEOOOOOO
THIS SECTOR IS CLEAR...
HEADED BACK TO EARTH!

YOU IDIOT!
COME HOME ALREADY...

twish
KA-BOOM
yeek!!
RIGHT ROCKET MOTOR HAS BEEN SHOT! MINOR DAMAGE!
WH-WHA-WHAT'S GOING ON?!
A-AN ATTACK FROM THE UNKNOWN SHIP!
WHAT...?!
KA-BOOM
CEASE FIRE AT ONCE AND STATE YOUR SHIP'S CODE AND OBJECTIVE!
ZZT
YOUR POLICE SHIP... I'VE SEEN IT BEFORE.

C'MON! PLEASE, YUKINOJO! HELP US LOOK FOR AYEKA...
LIKE I SAID...
AYEKA DISAPPEARED ON *EARTH*, RIGHT? IT'S UTTER *NONSENSE* TO SEARCH IN SPACE. SURELY YOU SEE THAT?


I DO, BUT MY INSTINCTS AS A COP TELL ME DIFFERENT!
GLEEEN
.....
grip


AN UNKNOWN OBJECT HAS APPEARED, DISTANCE 30KM.
BEEP
beep
beep
PRIMARY DEFENSE STATIONS, STAND BY! HOLD ALL FIRE!

WE'RE GOING BACK TO EARTH.
AWW, YOU'RE SO *COLD!*

beep
GRAVITY REROING 170 DEGREES TO PORT!

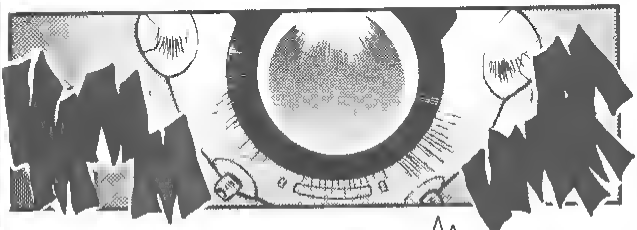
DO AS I SAY...
OR I WILL DESTROY YOU!
A...
AYEKA! BUT WHY...?!
DOF!

THIS...
PAPOOM
PAPOOM
THIS VOICE...
PAPOOM
IS TENCHI MASAKI THERE?!
PAPOOM
PAPOOM
IF HE IS, HAND HIM OVER!
!!!

A-AYEKA! WHAT HAPPENED? YOU'RE NOT YOUR USUAL SELF!
YOU DIDN'T EVEN CALL HIM "LORD" TENCHI!
VVVM
VVVM

I'M THE ONE ASKING THE QUESTIONS! ALL YOU NEED TO DO IS ANSWER
IS HE THERE OR NOT?!

WH-WHAT ARE YOU GOING TO DO WITH HIM IF I HAND HIM OVER?



IT'S THAT CLEAR TO YOU?

IF TENCHI MASAKI IS THERE, HAND HIM OVER!
OR ELSE...
I WILL DESTROY YOU!
Tales of Tenchi #5:
DREAD

I CAN'T DO THAT!
TENCHI ISN'T EVEN HERE...
BUT...
...IF HE WAS, I COULDN'T HAND HIM OVER WHEN YOU'RE ALL WEIRD!
WHY ARE YOU SAYING SUCH AWFUL THINGS?! YOU LOVED HIM SO MUCH!
POOM
YOU'RE NOT LIKE YOURSELF, AYEKA.
YOU LOVED HIM...
...LOVED HIM SO MUCH.
POOM
PaPOOM

I WILL...
...KILL HIM!!!
!!
YOU I WILL SPARE— IF YOU HAND HIM OVER RIGHT NOW.
C'MON...
C'MON!
THIS IS...
THIS IS ALL WRONG...

EEK!
EEK!
EEK!
bZZp
baZa
YEEEEK!
!!!
SKA
BLAM
papoom
papoom
papoom
I FAILED TO FINISH THEM...
EARTH

AY...
N-NO...
SHUT UP!
SHUT UP!
oh!
BE GONE!
I HAVE NO NEED FOR YOU!
SO...
...IF TENCHI MASAKI... ISN'T THERE... THEN...

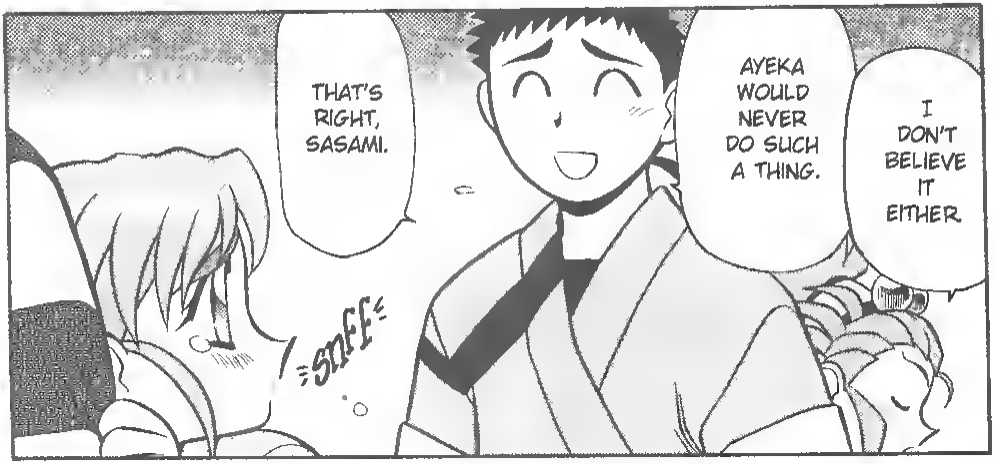
KEROPPI
posh
UM. ON THE OTHER HAND...
ha ha!
UH...
I TOLD YOU SO...
10 MINUTES LATER...
.....
glb glb glb
YEAH...
SHE'S NOT...
KBAM
ACK!
MIHOSHI!
SASAMI, GO GET WASHU!
O-OKAY!
SNIFF
OW...
YOU WERE LUCKY TO HAVE ESCAPED WITHOUT MORE DAMAGE.

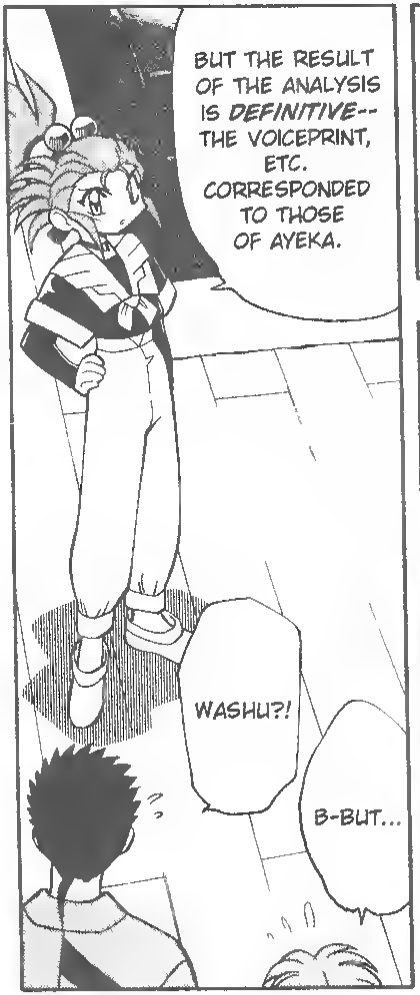
TENCHI MASAKI...
HE SHOULD BE...THE ENEMY. B-BUT--
...BUT THEN WHAT IS WRONG WITH ME?!
MY HEART POUNDS WHEN I EVEN THINK OF HIM...
papoom
papoom
papoom papoom
I MUST... GO BACK... FOR NOW...
OH! YOU'RE BACK, TENCHI.
rmmmbb
THERE GOES ANOTHER QUAKE. THERE'VE BEEN SO MANY LATELY.
IT'S AS FREQUENT AS MIHOSHI FALLING INTO THE LAKE.
HA, HA! C'MON-- NOT EVEN MIHOSHI WOULD...

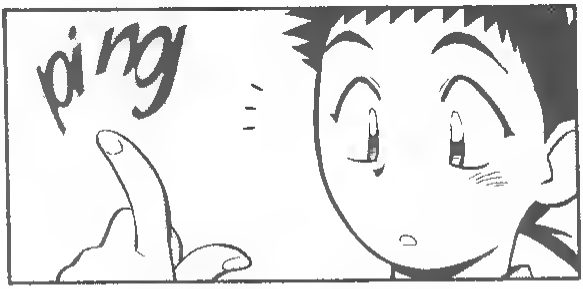
THAT'S NOT AYEKA! IT'S NOT!
Pat
YOU SILLY!
NOBODY THINKS THAT THE REAL AYEKA DID ANY OF THIS.
-:SNIF:-
-:SNUF:-
WAAH! OH, RYOKO! -:SOB:-
YOU'RE SUCH A KID.

WASHU, WHAT DO YOU MEAN...?
FACTS ARE FACTS. SHE ATTACKED LADY MIHOSHI INTENDING TO KILL...
...ALL YUKINOJO'S DATA CONFIRMS IT.
AND...
...SHE WAS AFTER LORD TENCHI'S LIFE!
NO!!
AYEKA WOULD NEVER DO SUCH A THING!
SASAMI...
SHE WOULDN'T ATTACK MIHOSHI OR TRY TO KILL TENCHI...

BRAIN-WASHED!
UMM...
WHAT'S BRAIN-WASHED?
LIKE THIS?
WAP!
TH-THEN WE HAVE TO GO RESCUE HER-- AT ONCE!
YEP! LET'S TAKE OFF RIGHT AWAY.
?!
OHHH
YOU KNOW WHERE SHE IS?
TEE, HEE!
JUST WHO DO YOU THINK YOU'RE TALKING TO?


I DON'T BELIEVE IT EITHER.
AYEKA WOULD NEVER DO SUCH A THING.
THAT'S RIGHT, SASAMI.
=sniff=


BUT THE RESULT OF THE ANALYSIS IS *DEFINITIVE*-- THE VOICEPRINT, ETC. CORRESPONDED TO THOSE OF AYEKA.
WASHU?!
B-BUT...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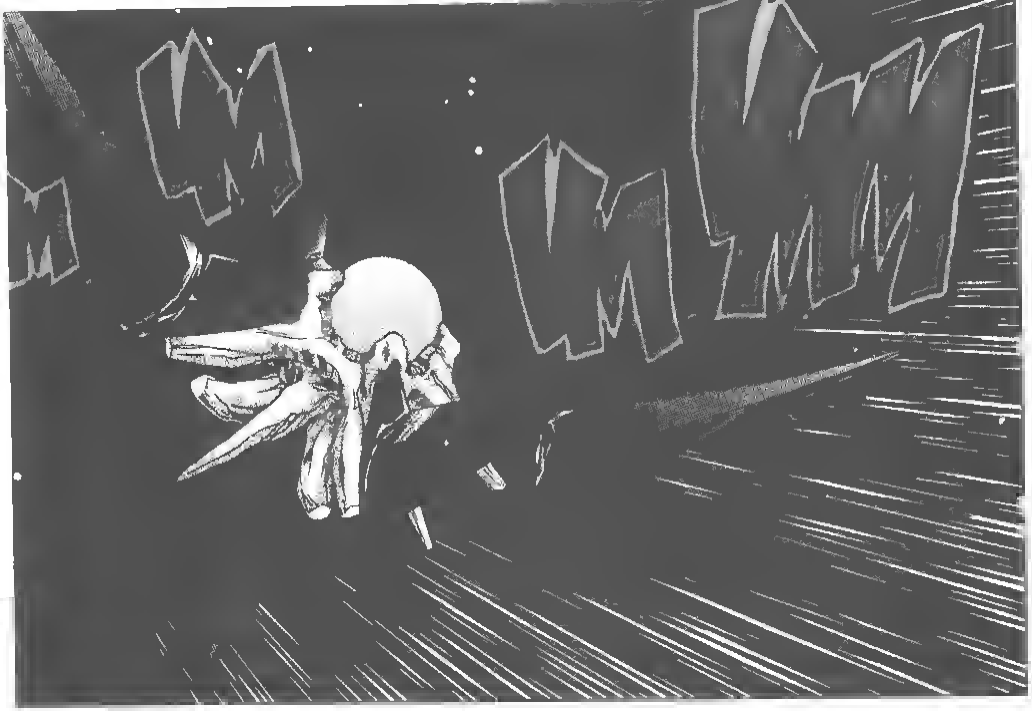
DON'T YOU *GET* IT?
THERE'S A STRONG POSSIBILITY THAT SHE WAS *HYPNOTIZED* OR MAYBE *BRAINWASHED* BY SOMEONE!

shaa a
DON'T WORRY ABOUT A *THING*, AYEKA...
WHAT YOU FEEL IS YOUR *HATRED* TOWARDS HIM...
YOU SHOULD JUST RELAX...
YOUR *SOUL* IS BEING CLEANSED AS WE SPEAK.

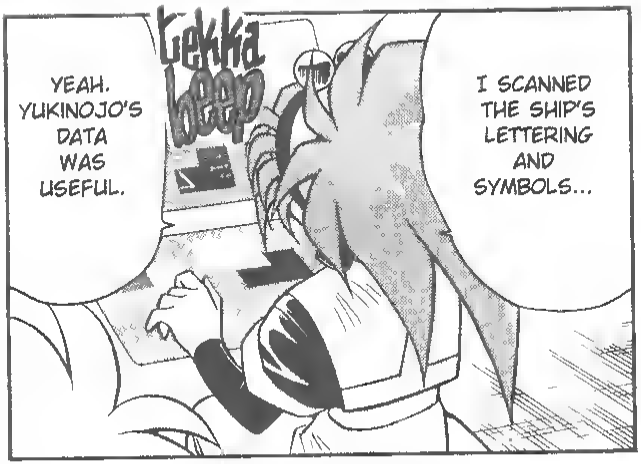
LEAVE IT ALL TO WASHU, THE GREATEST GENIUS SCIENTIST IN THE UNIVERSE!
VM VM VM
VM VM VM
YES...
UM... IS HE REALLY AN ENEMY WHOM WE SHOULD DESTROY?
LORD GARYU...
I SEE...
SO YOU'RE SAYING THAT THE MORE YOU THINK ABOUT TENCHI MASAKI, THE MORE YOUR HEART POUNDS?
Sh a a a a a

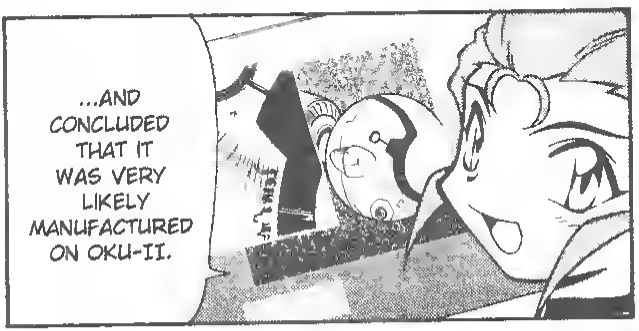
SINCE WHEN...?
SINCE WHEN HAVE I LOVED LORD GARYU...?
I ONLY HAVE LORD GARYU IN MY MIND...
...I'VE BELIEVED THAT HE'S THE ONLY ONE I LOVE...
Papoom
OH... THERE HE IS...!
EVERY TIME I THINK OF TENCHI MASAKI...
...MY HEART IS TORN...
Shaaaaa
.....
I WANT TO CRY...!

aa
a
TENCHI MASAKI IS UNDENIABLY OUR ENEMY!
DON'T THINK-- JUST ENTRUST YOURSELF TO MY CARE.
LORD GARYU...
THAT'S RIGHT, AYEKA...
ALL YOU HAVE TO DO IS TRUST LORD GARYU...
THAT'S HOW IT'S ALWAYS BEEN...
...?!
glub
...ALWAYS?



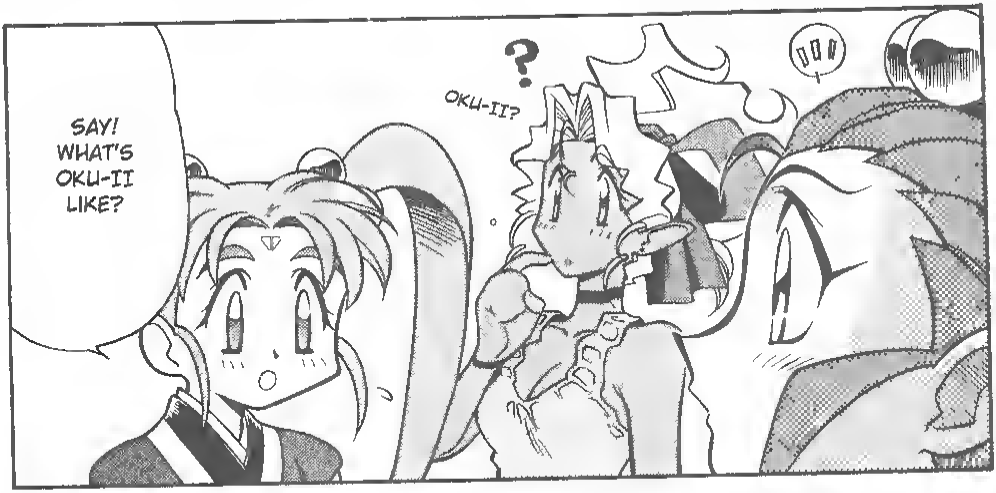
OKU-II? A PLANET IN LEO...?


YEAH. YUKINOJO'S DATA WAS USEFUL.
I SCANNED THE SHIP'S LETTERING AND SYMBOLS...
Tekka
beep


...AND CONCLUDED THAT IT WAS VERY LIKELY MANUFACTURED ON OKU-II.

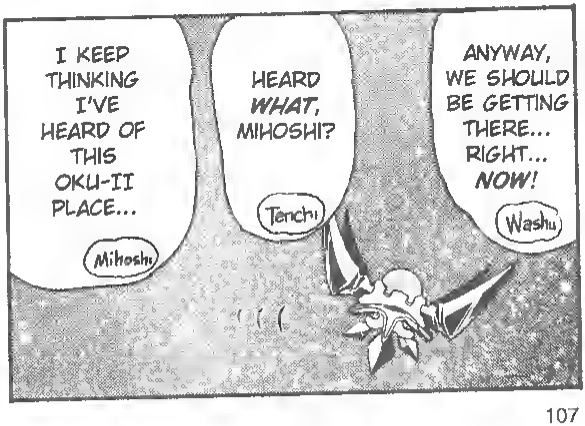
THE JURAI PRINCE... HE'S STILL HAUNTING AYEKA'S SOUL.
tssh
I'LL ERASE EVERY MEMORY OF TENCHI MASAKI!
OH... SUCH SWEET SADNESS...
HE IS OUR FOE...
KILL HIM!
NO...! I DON'T WANT TO FORGET...
I WON'T ALLOW IT! I WON'T LET ANYONE HAVE AYEKA!
ash
PLEASE! DON'T ERASE WHO I REALLY AM....!
KILL HIM!
AAAAH!
KILL HIM!
AAAAAAAA

shaa aa
!!?
H...
HEY...
WHAT THE HECK IS GOING ON?
THAT'S NOT OKU-II, IS IT?
ISN'T THAT A BLACK HOLE?


SAY! WHAT'S OKU-II LIKE?
OKU-II?
?
OOO

WELL, IT'S A TAD SMALLER THAN EARTH, THE SECOND OUT OF EIGHT PLANETS IN THAT SYSTEM.
OH
IT'S THE ONLY PLACE OUT THERE *FIT TO LIVE.*
OKU-II... UMM?

I THINK IT HAD A KING...
...OR *SOME* SORT OF MONARCHY. ONCE WE'RE *THERE* WE'LL KNOW MORE...
...FIND SOME KIND OF *CLUE.*


I KEEP THINKING I'VE HEARD OF THIS OKU-II PLACE...
Mihoshi
HEARD *WHAT,* MIHOSHI?
Tenchi
ANYWAY, WE SHOULD BE GETTING THERE... RIGHT... *NOW!*
Washu

YES! AT LAST, I'VE GOT IT!
!
gp
THE PEOPLE OF OKU-II MADE A GREAT MIGRATION JUST BEFORE THE STAR WENT SUPERNOVA.
sniff
THAT'S REALLY USEFUL NOW!
MAYBE IT IS... WHEN WAS THAT?
sniff
sneeek
UMM, LET'S SEE...
OH, YEAH! ABOUT 600 YEARS AGO.
600 YEARS... THAT'S WHY I DIDN'T KNOW ABOUT IT! I WAS SEALED OFF BY KAGATO!
BUT WHY IS THE WHOLE PLANET GONE?

OOH
SO WHERE DOES THAT PUT OKU-II?
HERE.
"HERE"?
THIS VERY SPOT IS WHERE OKU-II SHOULD'VE BEEN. IT'S ON EVERY STAR MAP!
YES, "HERE"!
hmm umm
OF COURSE IT'S NOT OKU-II. THAT'S THE END OF THE STAR'S LIFE...
IT WAS A SUN, JUST LIKE OURS...

STILL THINKING

I SEE...
I KNEW IT.
heh
AYEKA, YOUR ENEMY IS WHERE OKU-II USED TO BE.
WILL YOU GO?
gmm
gooo
msh
tee!
OF COURSE, LORD GARYU...
FOR THE SAKE OF OUR LOVE...

DID IT EXPLODE? WAS IT BLOWN UP?
OR MAYBE IT GOT SUCKED INTO THAT BLACK HOLE. FSHOOM!

I'M AFRAID YOU'RE BOTH OFF TRACK.
THE MASS OF THE STAR CORE HERE...
...WAS ABOUT FIVE TIMES THAT OF OUR SUN. ITS SUPERNOVA CREATED A BLACK HOLE
SUPERNOVA 600 YEARS AGO
SHRINK!!
OKU-I
SCORCHED
BLACK HOLE
OKU-II
missing?
CONSIDERING THAT OKU-I, WHICH WAS CLOSER TO THE STAR, SUFFERED ONLY HEAT DAMAGE, REMAINING IN ORBIT...
THERE'S NO REASON FOR ONLY OKU-II TO VANISH!
sneeek
THEN WHY...?
MREOW?

I'LL BE OFF NOW, LORD GARYU.

Tales of Tenchi #6:
MEMORY

VM
VM
ONCE, OKU-II WAS FULL OF LIFE, WITH BILLIONS OF CITIZENS...
...WHO SIMPLY ABANDONED THIS PLANET AND MOVED ELSEWHERE...
AND THOUGH PRINCE GARYU HAS LOST THE PEOPLE HE ONCE PROTECTED...
...HE STILL HAS THE WILL TO PRESERVE HIS MOTHER PLANET, ALL ALONE.
IN ONE MINUTE, A HYPERSPACE CHANNEL WILL OPEN-- FOR JUST SEVEN SECONDS.
pip
UNDER-STOOD.
MY PRINCE...

eee
tnsh

WHAT DO WE DO NOW?
OUR SEARCH FOR AYEKA IS AT A DEAD END.
STILL, NO CLUES HERE.
ZZOLT
?!
WE'LL HAVE TO GO BACK FOR NOW AND...
ZM ZM
ZRZRR
VM VM VM VM VM
WHAT-- YOU'RE SAYING OKU-II VANISHED LIKE THE WIND?
THAT'S CRAZY EVEN FOR YOU!
ANYTHING COULD BE POSSIBLE, RYOKO.

...I WANT TO BE YOUR ALLY-- TO THE END!
I AM THE BLADE THAT WILL PROTECT YOU!
HERE I GO!

IT'S THE ONE THAT ATTACKED LADY MIHOSHI!
RYO-OH-KI...
I AIMED TO MISS THAT SHOT...
IS TENCHI MASAKI THERE?!
I-IT'S... IT'S HER?!
TENCHI, IT'S REALLY AYEKA...
IT'LL BE OKAY, SASAMI. TRUST ME.
VING!

MYOW!
MYA MROW!
WH- WHAT THE HELL?!
!!
MYEOW!
BAZAP
THAT SHIP!

WHA...?!
WOW
!!!

I'M HERE!
TELL ME! WHO ARE YOU?!
ARE YOU REALLY AYEKA?!
VM VM VM VM
I SHALL KILL YOU!
OUR ENEMY, TENCHI MASAKI... WE MEET AT LAST! NOW...

WAIT! THE DANGER IS TOO GREAT!
I WANT YOUR SAFE RETURN...
IT'S ALL RIGHT, LORD GARYU.
I WILL NOT DIE.
I MUST DEFEAT OUR ENEMY... TENCHI MASAKI!
!
SHE'S NOT EVEN FAZED!
RIGHT NOW, SHE COULD DEFEAT TENCHI MASAKI WITHOUT HESITATION!
PERFECT!
FINE! I PERMIT CLOSE COMBAT!
GO! VICTORY SHALL BE OURS!
gwm

RM RM RM RM RM RM
AH! WELL DONE, AYEKA...
EASIER THAN I THOUGHT, PRINCE OF JURAI...
NO... NOT YET!
?!
IT WOULD BE A GRAVE MISTAKE TO MAKE LIGHT OF RYO-OH-KI'S EVASIVE ABILITY.
IT'S A *RISK*, BUT THE ONLY WAY TO *END* THIS IS THROUGH *CLOSE COMBAT!*
WH-WHAT?!

FWP
SEOOSH
BITCH! YOU WANT SOME?!
NO, RYOKO! WE CAN'T ATTACK UNTIL WE CONFIRM WHETHER OR NOT SHE'S THE REAL LADY AYEKA!
whirrr
SKRAKKA

YES!
DID WE MAKE IT?!
DAMMIT! THE THRUST SYSTEM'S BEEN SHOT!
AUTO-REPAIR WILL TAKE SOME TIME...
BRACE FOR A SHOCK!
HERE SHE COMES!

IT'S ME-- SASAMI! I *KNOW* YOU-- I CAN *TELL* THAT YOU'RE THE *REAL* AYEKA. BUT YOU'RE *DREAMING*...
...A *BAD* DREAM!
YOU NEED TO *WAKE* UP!
YOU *CAN'T* WANT TO KILL HIM...

NO! AYEKA, STOP!

AYEKA'S SISTER...?! NO! THIS COULD BRING ON A FULL-FLEDGED MENTAL BREAKDOWN!
AYEKA! RETREAT!
?!
SHE ISN'T COMING AT US...?!
NOW'S OUR CHANCE, RYO-OH-KI! USE YOUR LAST STRENGTH TO SHAKE FREE!
AAAAA
AAAA!
COME BACK TO BASE! NOW!
YAAA!
DO YOU HEAR ME, AYEKA?!
MREOOW!
SKA-FWK

PLEASE! DON'T SAY SUCH A SAD THING...

SA-- SASA... MI?
eeee
eeeeee
WHO IS THAT...?! MY... SISTER?!

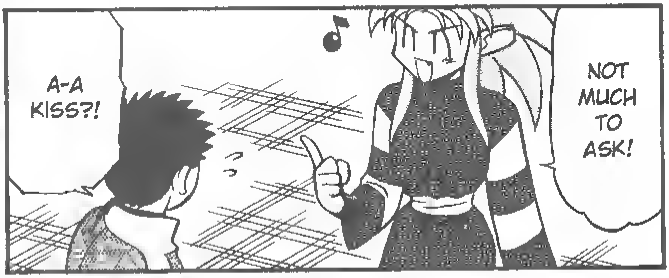
WEOO WEOO
!?

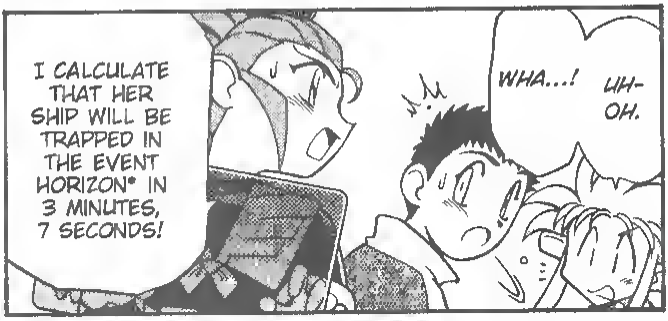
AYEKA, NO! LOOK OUT!
tch
tch
skch
HOW... S— SASAMI... NO...
I WOULD NEVER...
NO, IT'S NOT TRUE...

!
RMMMRMM
WHAT'S WRONG WITH AYEKA'S SHIP, WASHU?
OH, NO!
IF SHE'S NOT CAREFUL, SHE'LL GET SUCKED INTO THE BLACK HOLE!
WHAT?!
ZAARR
MN

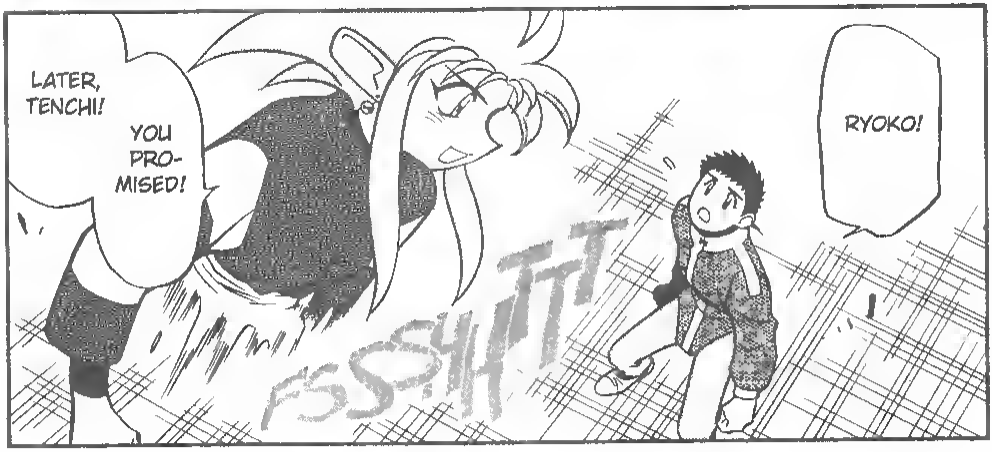
DAMN!
HOW COULD THIS BE!
AND I CAN'T CONTROL A THING FROM HERE!
AYEKA...!
F-FORGIVE ME!
LADY AYEKA!
LADY AYEKA! PLEASE RESPOND! PLEASE!

Tales of Tenchi #7: SACRIFICE





*THE BOUNDARY OF A BLACK HOLE



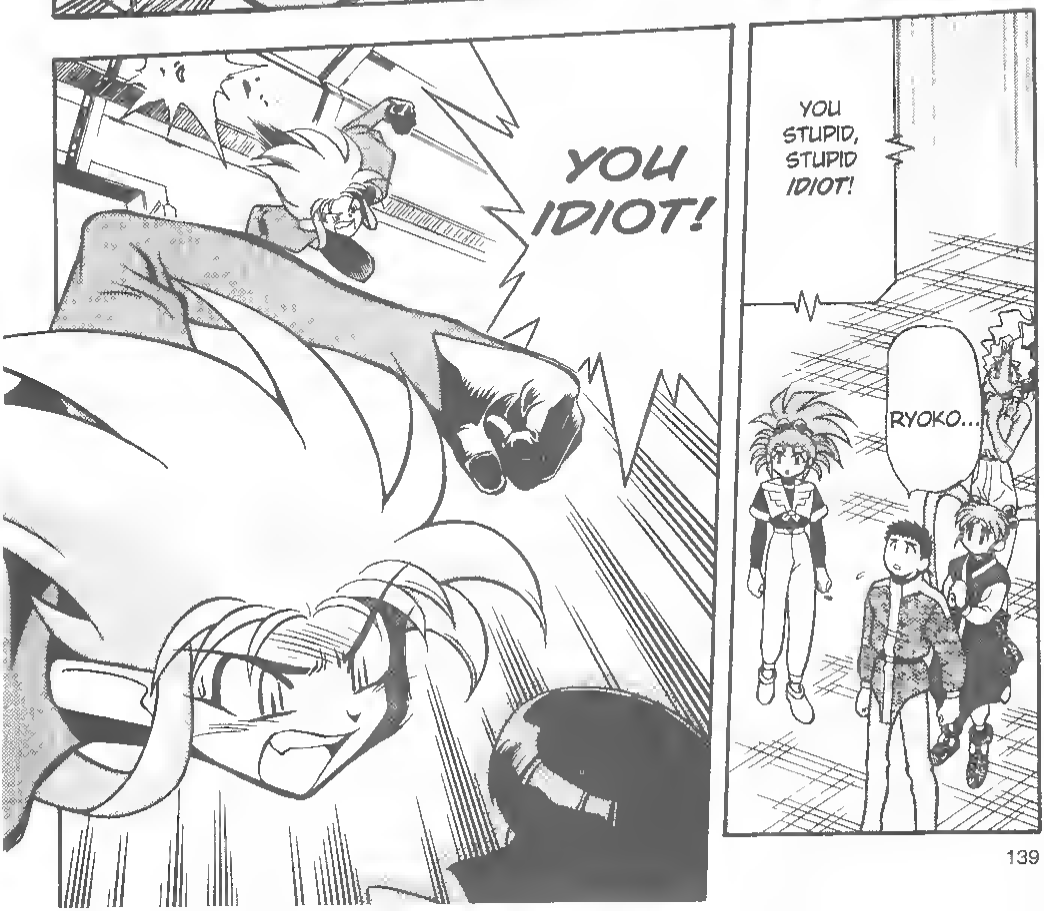
AYEKA!
PLEASE... ANSWER US!
TCH!
AYEKA!
YOU'RE GOING TO GET SUCKED INTO THAT BLACK HOLE!
TCH!
OH... F-FOR-GIVE ME...
S-SA-SAMI...
...I WOULD NEVER HURT YOU...
I'VE GOT IT! IF RYO-OH-KI COULD HAUL THAT ENTIRE SHIP...
NO GOOD! THE THRUST SYSTEM IS DOWN FROM THE LAST ATTACK.
B-BUT...!
I'LL GO!
RYOKO!

H-
HEY!
ARE YOU OKAY?!
WHOA!
uff
tch tch
tch
HFF!
BITCH! WHAT WAS THAT FOR?!

RYOKO... BE CAREFUL.
LESS THAN THREE MIN-UTES...
WE'LL JUST HAVE TO SEE WHAT HAPPENS...
OH...
A-AYEK.

IT SOUNDS LIKE SHE'S FIGHTING THE REAL LADY AYEKA.
BUT... THEN WHY IS AYEKA ACTING THIS WAY?
Y-YEAH. OKAY!
YOU'RE RIGHT!
IT'LL BE ALL RIGHT. JUST TRUST RYOKO.
TENCHI...
PLEASE, RYOKO... SAVE MY SISTER!
AHHAK

Y-YOU ARE A FOE OF LORD GARYU...
I WILL NOT TAKE PITY FROM THOSE WHO SIDE WITH TENCHI MASAKI!
!
DR
LOOK AT HER FACE! CAN THIS BE AYEKA?!
AND GARYU...? IS HE THE ONE BEHIND THIS?!
IDIOT... DON'T CARE IF HER BRAIN'S WASHED...


YOU IDIOT!
YOU STUPID, STUPID IDIOT!
RYOKO...

I'VE GOT YOU NOW!
HOW'D SHE DO THAT?!
YAH!
UNH...!
!!!
screeee

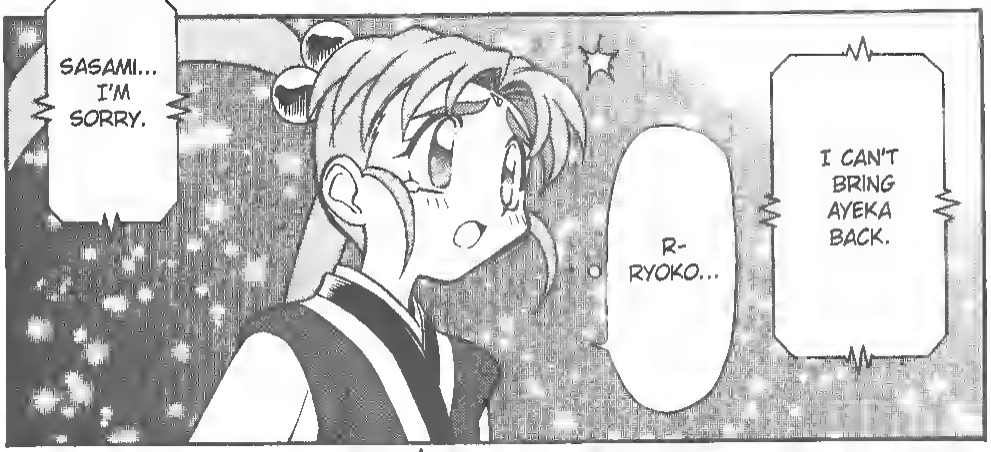
AYEKA, YOU BITCH!
?!
WHAT DO YOU MEAN?
IF YOU'RE TRYING TO TRICK ME...
DID YOU FORGET ALL ABOUT TENCHI?!
I WON'T FALL FOR IT!
!!

I--I DON'T KNOW WHY YOU STOPPED THERE...
...BUT ONE PAUSE CAN BE YOUR DEATH!
HAAH!
I-IS THIS THE END?!

UNH...!

AAAAAA
AAAA
TH...
THANKS, SASAMI...
UNH...
I-- I'VE GOT TO HURRY...
NNGH

AYEKA, STOP!
!!
SKA WA


SASAMI... I'M SORRY.
R-RYOKO...
I CAN'T BRING AYEKA BACK.

ARE YOU THERE, MIHOSHI?
LOOK, I'M SORRY I KEPT BEATING YOU UP, OKAY?
OH, RYOKO...
sniff
I DON'T MIND...

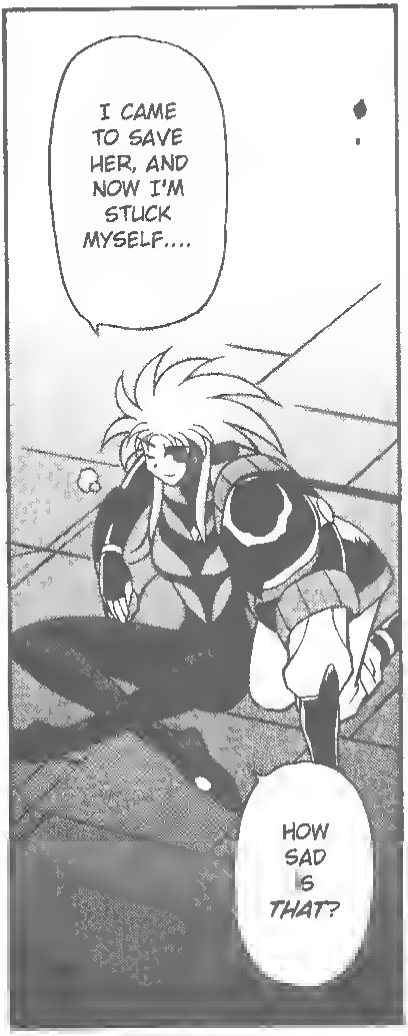
WASHU...
IT WAS SHORT...
...BUT IT'S BEEN FUN.

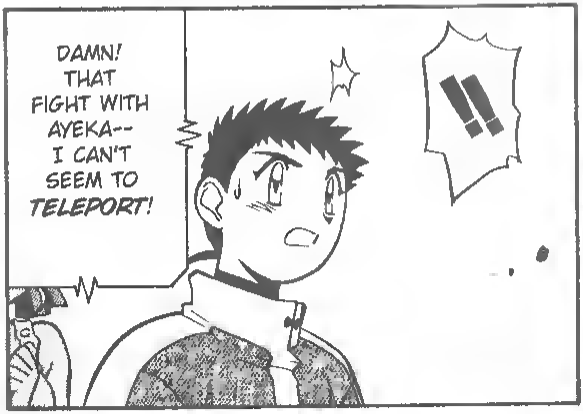
RYOKO, DON'T GIVE UP!
YOU CAN STILL..
TENCHI!

DON'T HAVE MUCH TIME...
LET ME BE COOL--AT LEAST FOR MY LAST MOMENTS.

RYOKO, YOU DID IT!
AYEKA!
RYOKO! YOU HAVE TO TELEPORT NOW!
IN 12 SECONDS, IT'LL BE TOO LATE!

Y-YOU DON'T HAVE TO TELL ME...
HMF UFF


I CAME TO SAVE HER, AND NOW I'M STUCK MYSELF....
HOW SAD IS THAT?


DAMN! THAT FIGHT WITH AYEKA-- I CAN'T SEEM TO TELEPORT!

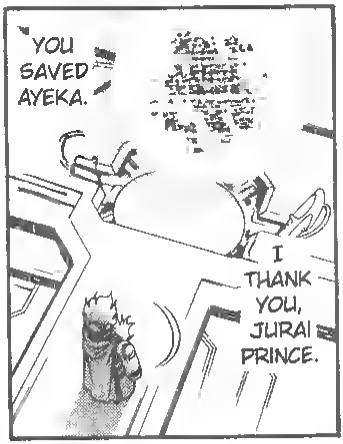
BLIP
.....
ZAA ZAA ZAA
THE EVENT HORI-ZON... THEY MUST BE CAUGHT.
IN LESS THAN A MINUTE, GRAVITY WILL CRUSH THEM..
STOP IT!
L-LORD TENCHI?
grrrr
IT'S NOT OVER YET...
NO!
OOOSH
AAAA
I WON'T LET IT END HERE!

I LOVE YOU, TENCHI...
SEE YA...

HOW TENCHI CAME TO HER, ENVELOPED IN LIGHT...

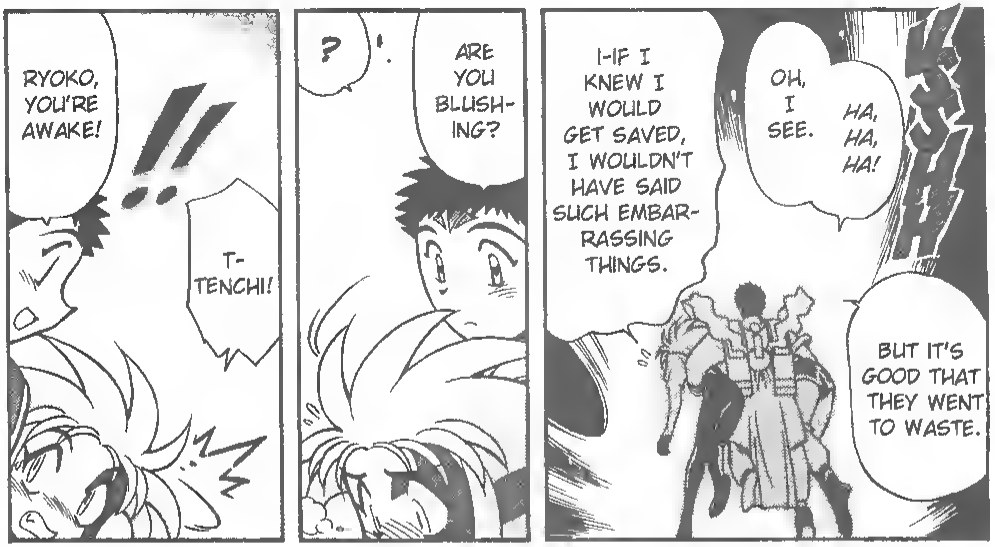
A BLACK HOLE IS AN AREA THAT DISTORTS EVEN TIME AND SPACE DUE TO ITS TREMENDOUS GRAVITY.
AROUND THE EVENT HORIZON, THE PASSAGE OF TIME IS EXTREMELY SLOW.
IT SHOULD HAVE HAPPENED IN A BILLIONTH OF A SECOND IN RYOKO'S TIME.
A NORMAL HUMAN COULD NEVER DETECT IT...
BUT...
RYOKO IS NO NORMAL HUMAN!

BUT KNOW *THIS*...



SKRAK
DAMN!
IF ONLY I HAD THE POWER TO SAVE YOU...
FORGIVE ME, AYEKA...
T-TENCHI MASAKI...!
IS THIS... THE POWER OF JURAI?!
WEEE
WEEE
WEEE
WEEE
WHA...
WH-WHAT IS THIS...?!

THE KISS AS A REWARD!
C'MON! KISS ME!
H-HEY!
STOP IT!


RYOKO, YOU'RE AWAKE!
!!
T-TENCHI!
?
ARE YOU BLUSHING?
I-IF I KNEW I WOULD GET SAVED, I WOULDN'T HAVE SAID SUCH EMBARRASSING THINGS.
OH, I SEE.
HA, HA, HA!
BUT IT'S GOOD THAT THEY WENT TO WASTE.

RELEASING LIGHT HAWK WINGS.

WHAT'LL IT BE TODAY?
WE HAVE SOME FRESH HORSE MACKEREL.
OH! SORRY, MISTER.
I WANT TO MAKE AYEKA SOME SEA BREAM SIMMERED IN SAKE.
SHE LOVES THAT!
OKAY... I HEAR YOUR SISTER'S BEEN SICK.
FISH
YOU'RE SUCH A GOOD KID, SASAMI. I WISH MY GOOD-FOR-NOTHING DAUGHTER WOULD TAKE YOUR EXAMPLE.
I-I'M REALLY NOT DOING MUCH.
I'LL THROW IN SOME EXTRAS FOR YOU TODAY.
WOW! THANKS, MISTER!
SEE YA!
I'LL BE BACK AGAIN!

Tales of Tenchi #8: EXHAUSTION

grrr
SNARL
WHAT'S UP, LORD TENCHI?
OH, WASHU.
WELL, AYEKA STARTED STRUGGLING AGAIN...
SASH
OH, MY... LOOKS LIKE SHE *REALLY* WENT AT IT THIS TIME...
HAH!

RM RM RM RM RM RMMB
TWO DAYS HAD PASSED SINCE AYEKA WAS BROUGHT BACK TO EARTH.
THERE'S ANOTHER ONE. ALL THESE QUAKES...
Beep!
BOP
BOOP
THIS ONE FEELS SORT OF ODD.
LIKE ONLY THE CRUST IS MOVING.
AND THEIR TIMING IS GETTING CLOSER...
GLAD I'M KEEPING TABS ON THIS...
WASHU!
PLEASE! COME HELP! A-AYEKA IS...
HMM?

AYEKA...!
G-GRANDPA.
WHAT COULD YOU ACCOMPLISH IN THERE?
AYEKA IS AFTER YOUR LIFE.
tmsh
LEAVE THIS TO ME.
AYEKA... OPEN YOUR EYES NOW.
SHAAAWOOM
WHAT DO YOU MEAN, OLD MAN?
WHO THE HELL ARE YOU?

SHE'LL BE IN A STATE OF SHOCK ONCE THE BRAINWASHING WEARS OFF.
IT'S HER OWN FAULT!
GAAAH!
FWOOM
!!
I'VE TOLD YOU OVER AND OVER...
THIS SHIELD KEEPS YOU NICE AND SNUG IN YOUR ROOM.
I WOULD HAVE PREFERRED TO LOCK YOU AWAY IN MY LAB FOR THESE TREATMENTS, BUT SASAMI FELT SORRY FOR YOU.
SHKK ZHK KK

UM... CAN I COME IN?
SASAMI!
I MADE A VERY SPECIAL DINNER FOR AYEKA...
I'LL GO WITH YOU.
COULD BE RISKY ALONE.
POP
NO, LET'S LEAVE THIS TO SASAMI.
AYEKA SEEMS TO BE SLOWLY OPENING UP TO HER.
yeah!
THANKS, WASHU...
AYEKA!
UMP
YOU MUST BE HUNGRY. HERE YOU GO!
tadaa
IT'S YOUR FAVORITE, SAKE-SIMMERED SEA BREAM!

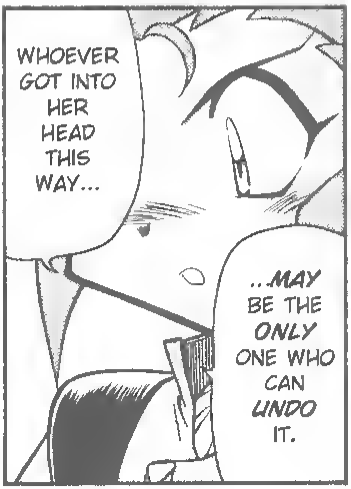
HARD TO THINK YOU FORGOT EVEN THAT...
heh...

I'M YOUR HALF-BROTHER, AND WE USED TO BE BETROTHED.
NOW, COME-- INTO BIG BROTHER'S ARMS!
♥
GROOP

IF YOU'RE GOING TO LIE, MAKE UP A BETTER ONE!

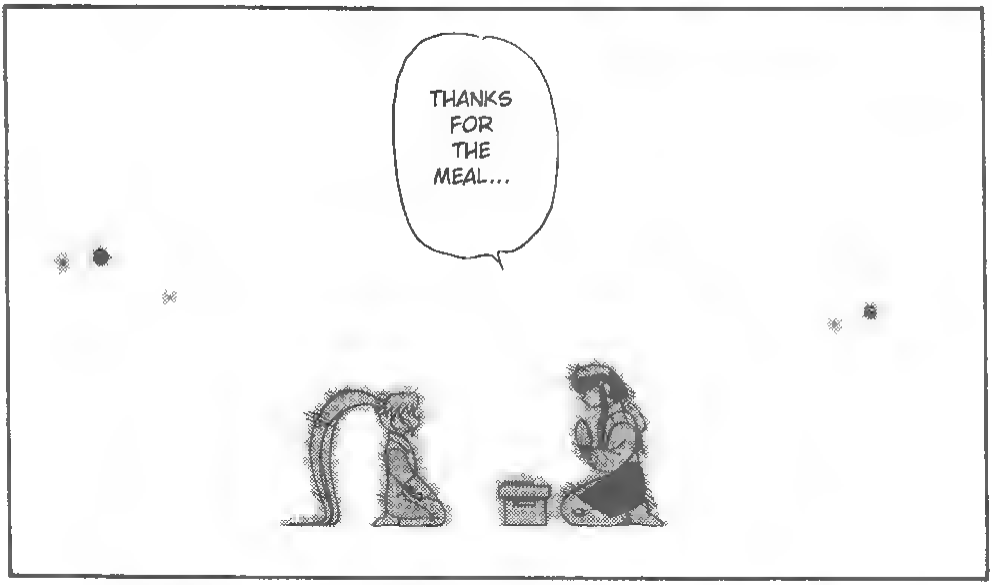
I HEAR HE'S CALLED "GARYU"...!
YEAH... LADY AYEKA DID MENTION HIM.
DO YOU PLAN TO GET UP?

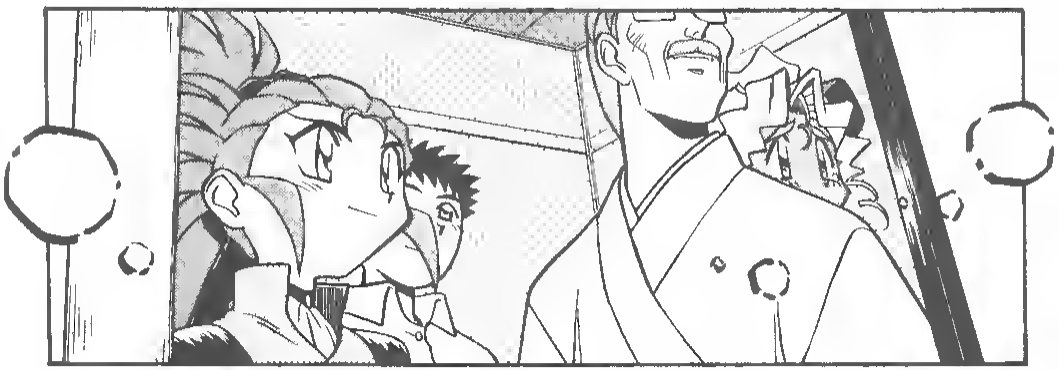
NOT EVEN MY SOULFUL PERSUASION WORKED... THAT MUST HAVE BEEN SOME BRAIN-WASHING.
MAYBE.
EVEN I WOULDN'T BELIEVE YOUR FAMILY HISTORY


WHOEVER GOT INTO HER HEAD THIS WAY...
...MAY BE THE ONLY ONE WHO CAN UNDO IT.

WHOOOO
IT MUST BE THE BLOOD BOND...
THE EFFECT OF THE BRAINWASHING WEAKENS WHEN FACED WITH HER OWN SISTER.
I KNEW IT...
BUT...
ANY FURTHER MENTAL MANIPULATION IS SURE TO BRING ABOUT A NERVOUS BREAKDOWN...

EAT UP BEFORE IT GETS COLD.
.....
UM...
OKAY.


THANKS FOR THE MEAL...



ONE MORE WEEK PASSED...
tump
MIHOSHI, COULD YOU THROW IT BACK?
A-AYEKA!
OH, SURE. OF COURSE...
AYEKA DOESN'T SEEM VERY SCARY TODAY...
thap
.....
YOU KNOW, I'M SORRY, MIHOSHI.
HMM?
I HEARD THAT WHEN I WASN'T MYSELF I ATTACKED YOUR SHIP...
...I'M SORRY. I DIDN'T MEAN IT...
AYEKA...

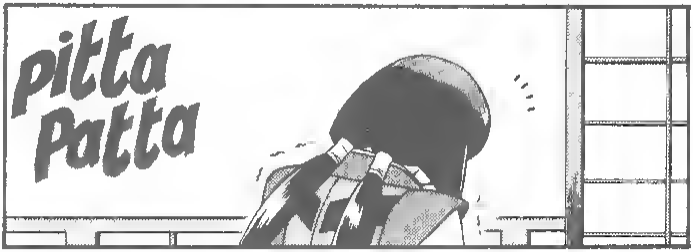
IT SEEMS...
...I HAVE ONLY *ONE* CHOICE LEFT TO ME.
heh
FINE, CONTINUE WITH AYEKA'S *"CURE,"* WASHU!
I'm'm'm'm'm'm
HA HA HA HA HA
BUT WHEN YOU *THINK* MY BRAINWASHING HAS BEEN UNDONE, I STILL HAVE THE *FINAL* KEY IN MY HANDS!

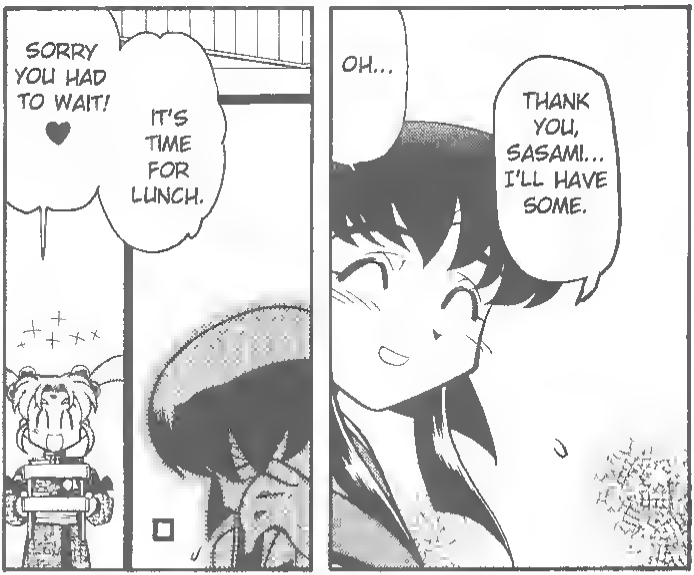
I HEAR THAT RYOKO IS STILL NOT WELL...

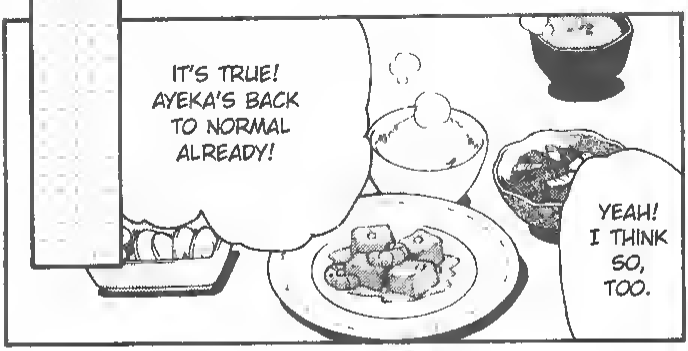
EVEN IF I *WAS* BEING MANIPULATED, I HURT RYOKO...

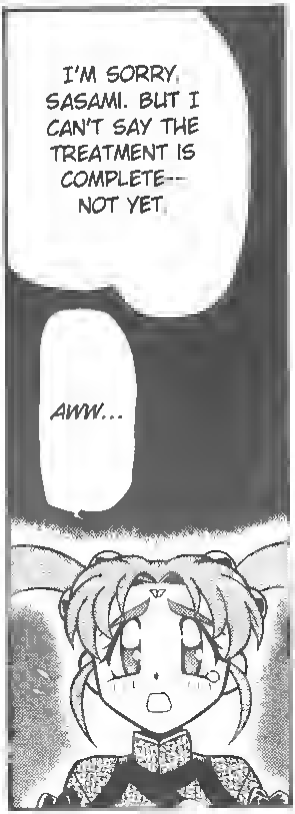
IT FEELS LIKE I'VE BEEN HAVING A BAD DREAM...

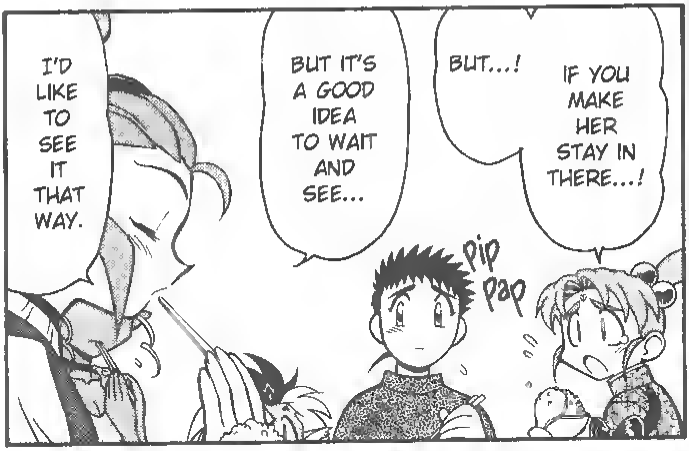
BUT IT'S *REAL*...



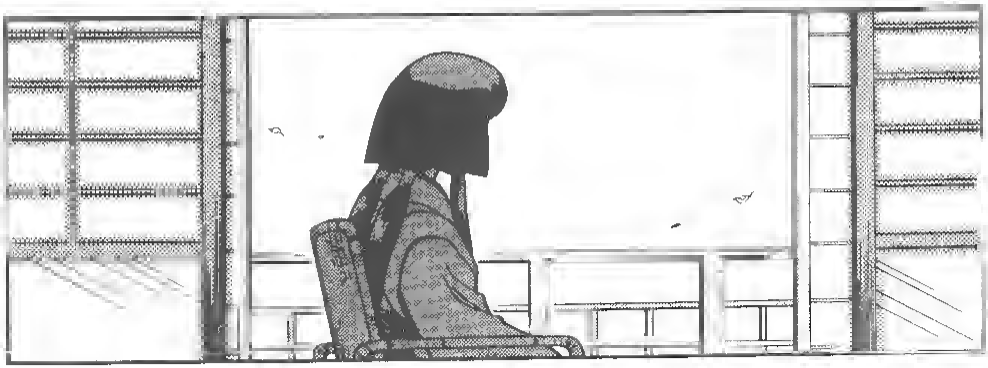



IT'S TRUE! AYEKA'S BACK TO NORMAL ALREADY!
YEAH! I THINK SO, TOO.


I'M SORRY, SASAMI. BUT I CAN'T SAY THE TREATMENT IS COMPLETE-- NOT YET.
AWW...

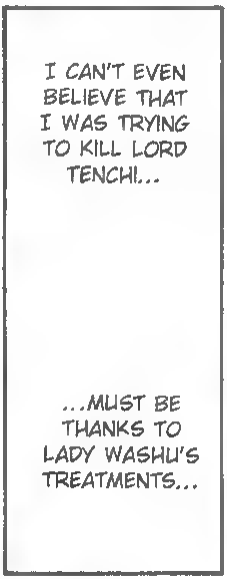

I'D LIKE TO SEE IT THAT WAY.
BUT IT'S A GOOD IDEA TO WAIT AND SEE...
BUT...!
IF YOU MAKE HER STAY IN THERE...!
pip
pap

AYEKA...

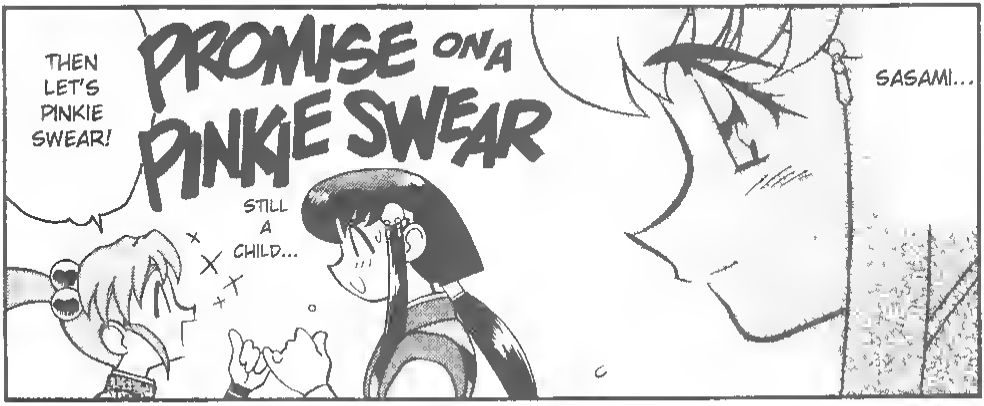


BUT YOU'RE ALL RIGHT *NOW*, AREN'T YOU?
YOU WON'T SAY THAT YOU WOULD KILL TENCHI ANYMORE...
RIGHT?
I DON'T WANT THAT! NOT AT ALL!

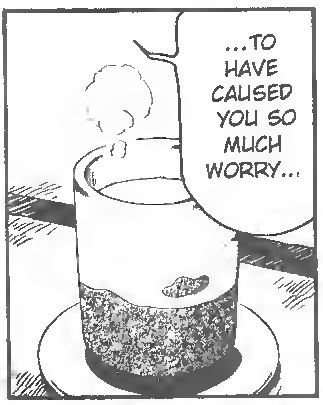
tee hee

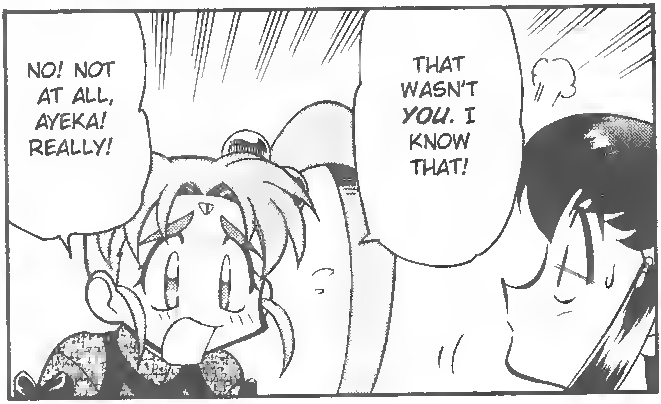

I CAN'T EVEN BELIEVE THAT I WAS TRYING TO KILL LORD TENCHI...
...MUST BE THANKS TO LADY WASHU'S TREATMENTS...

OF COURSE NOT.
I WOULD *NEVER* MAKE YOU SAD.
REALLY?! YOU MEAN IT?

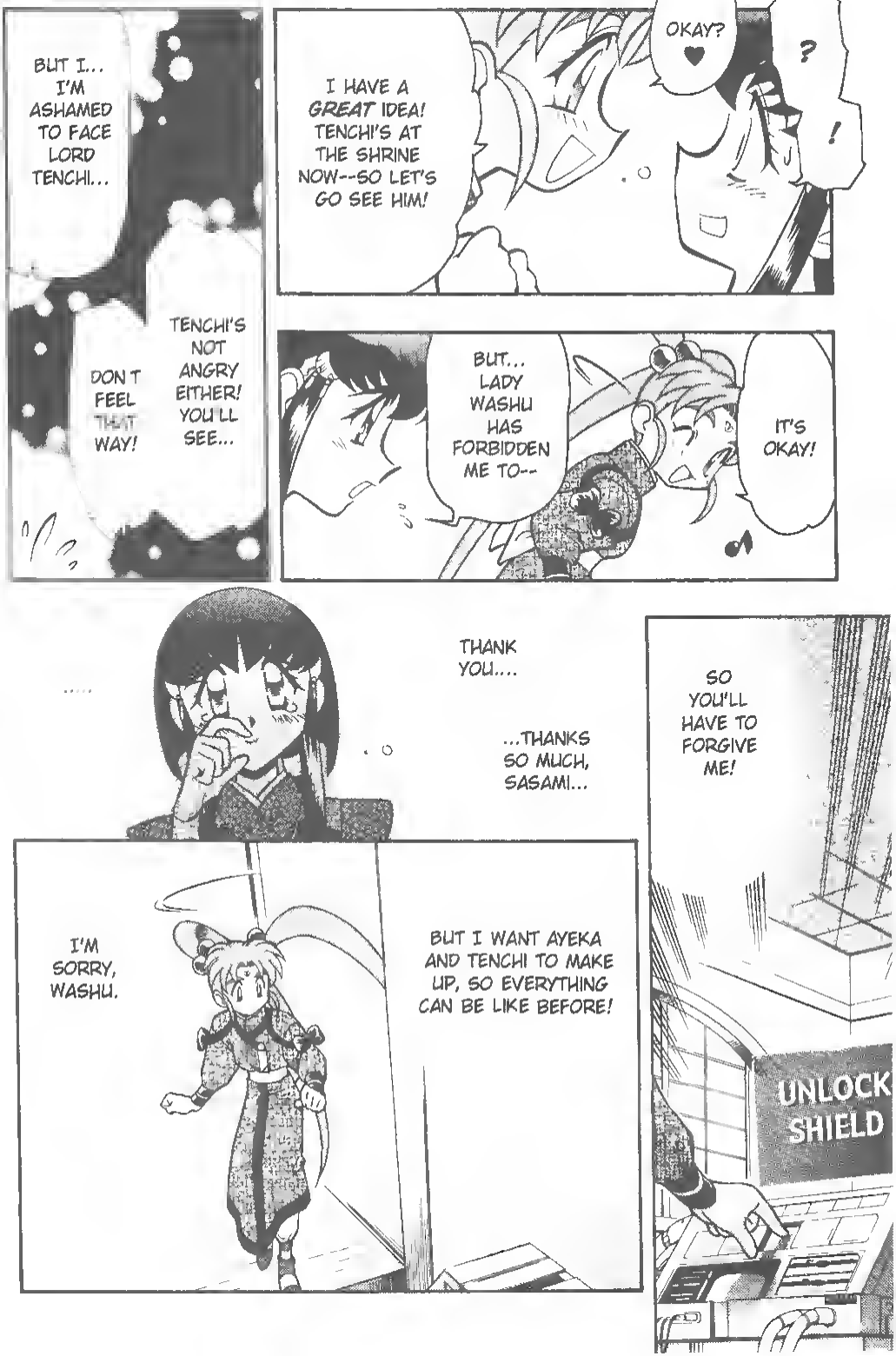

THEN LET'S PINKIE SWEAR!
PROMISE ON A PINKIE SWEAR
STILL A CHILD...
SASAMI...

THAT WAS QUITE GOOD!
chk!
I'LL POUR YOU SOME TEA.
THE STEWED GREENS WERE VERY GOOD.
YOU MEAN IT?!
I'M SO GLAD! ♥
I'M SORRY, SASAMI...


...TO HAVE CAUSED YOU SO MUCH WORRY...


NO! NOT AT ALL, AYEKA! REALLY!
THAT WASN'T *YOU*. I KNOW THAT!

!
WHAT'S THE MATTER, AYEKA?
I...I CAN'T SEE LORD TENCHI...
WHAAT?
WHAT IF I'M STILL BEING INFLUENCED BY THAT GARYU PERSON?
!
COME TO THINK OF IT... WHY DID GARYU TRY TO MAKE ME KILL LORD TENCHI?
WHO IS HE?! WHY DID HE CHOOSE ME?
OH... SO MANY UNKNOWNS!
SOMEBODY TELL ME... PLEASE!


BUT I... I'M ASHAMED TO FACE LORD TENCHI...
DON'T FEEL THAT WAY!
TENCHI'S NOT ANGRY EITHER! YOU'LL SEE...
I HAVE A GREAT IDEA! TENCHI'S AT THE SHRINE NOW--SO LET'S GO SEE HIM!
OKAY?
?
!
BUT... LADY WASHU HAS FORBIDDEN ME TO--
IT'S OKAY!
.....
THANK YOU....
...THANKS SO MUCH, SASAMI...
I'M SORRY, WASHU.
BUT I WANT AYEKA AND TENCHI TO MAKE UP, SO EVERYTHING CAN BE LIKE BEFORE!
SO YOU'LL HAVE TO FORGIVE ME!
UNLOCK SHIELD

YOU HAVE NOT FORGOTTEN! TENCHI MASAKI IS THE ENEMY!
UNGH
AAAH!
BUT YOUR SISTER-- SHE IS INNOCENT! THEREFORE...
!!

KEEEE
ALL RIGHT! I'LL TELL YOU!
WHAT...?!
SOMEONE'S VOICE-- IN MY HEAD...

WHAT ...?!

WHAT'S THE MATTER, AYEKA?
DOES YOUR HEAD HURT?
THAT'S RIGHT...
RMB.
S-SASAMI...
I MUST SAVE SASAMI!
RMB
RMB
RMB
AYEKA...
I'M FINE...
GA
IT'S ALL RIGHT... NOW.
WHAT...?
AYEKA, WHAT ARE YOU TALKING...?
tee hee
COME ON. YOU CAN TAKE ME...
LORD GARYU WILL SAVE US... BOTH OF US!

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HITOSHI OKUDA

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Sigh . . . I think the day when this dream will come true is far off *(sob sob)*.

Hitoshi Okuda was famous in Japanese amateur publications (dôjinshi) under a pen name long before he made his professional debut. He studied under Nobuteru Yuki and Yutaka Izubuchi, two of Japan's top animators. His older works include Radical Guardian, published in Japan by Fujimi Shobo. His current works include Shin ("New") Tenchi Muyô!, Ranto Mashoroku, and Little Dragon Restaurant, all published in Japan by Kadokawa Shoten.

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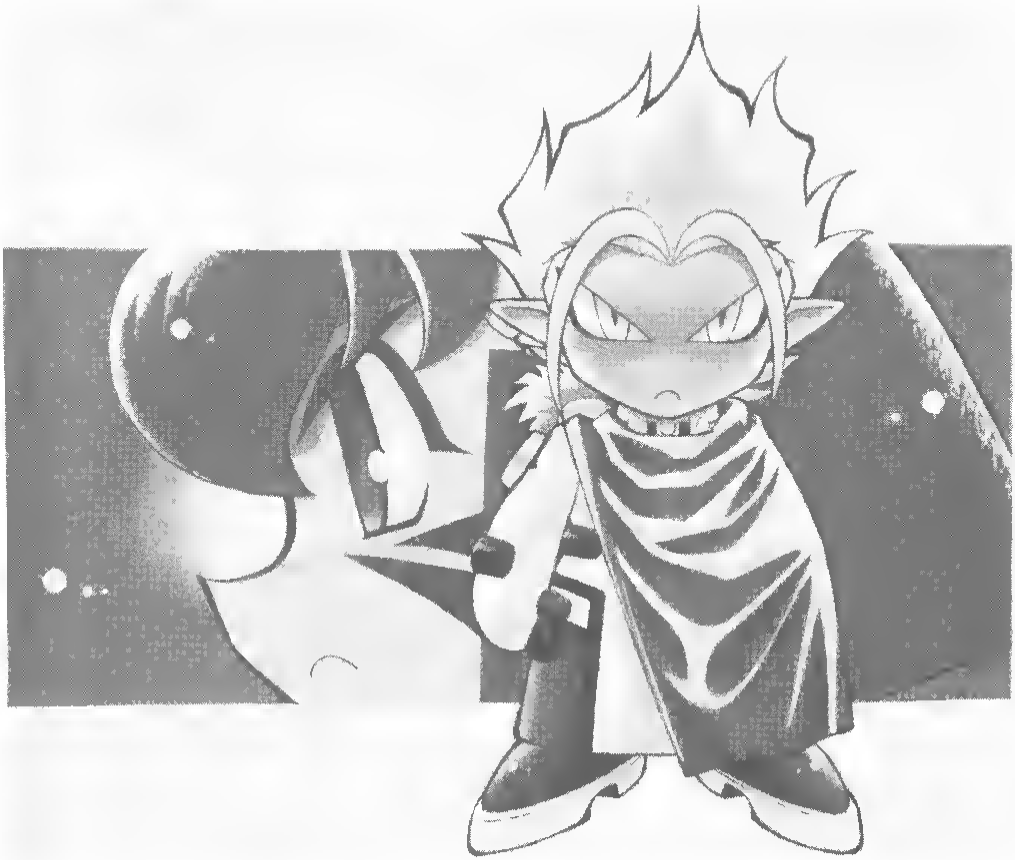

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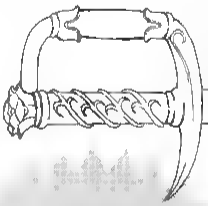

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